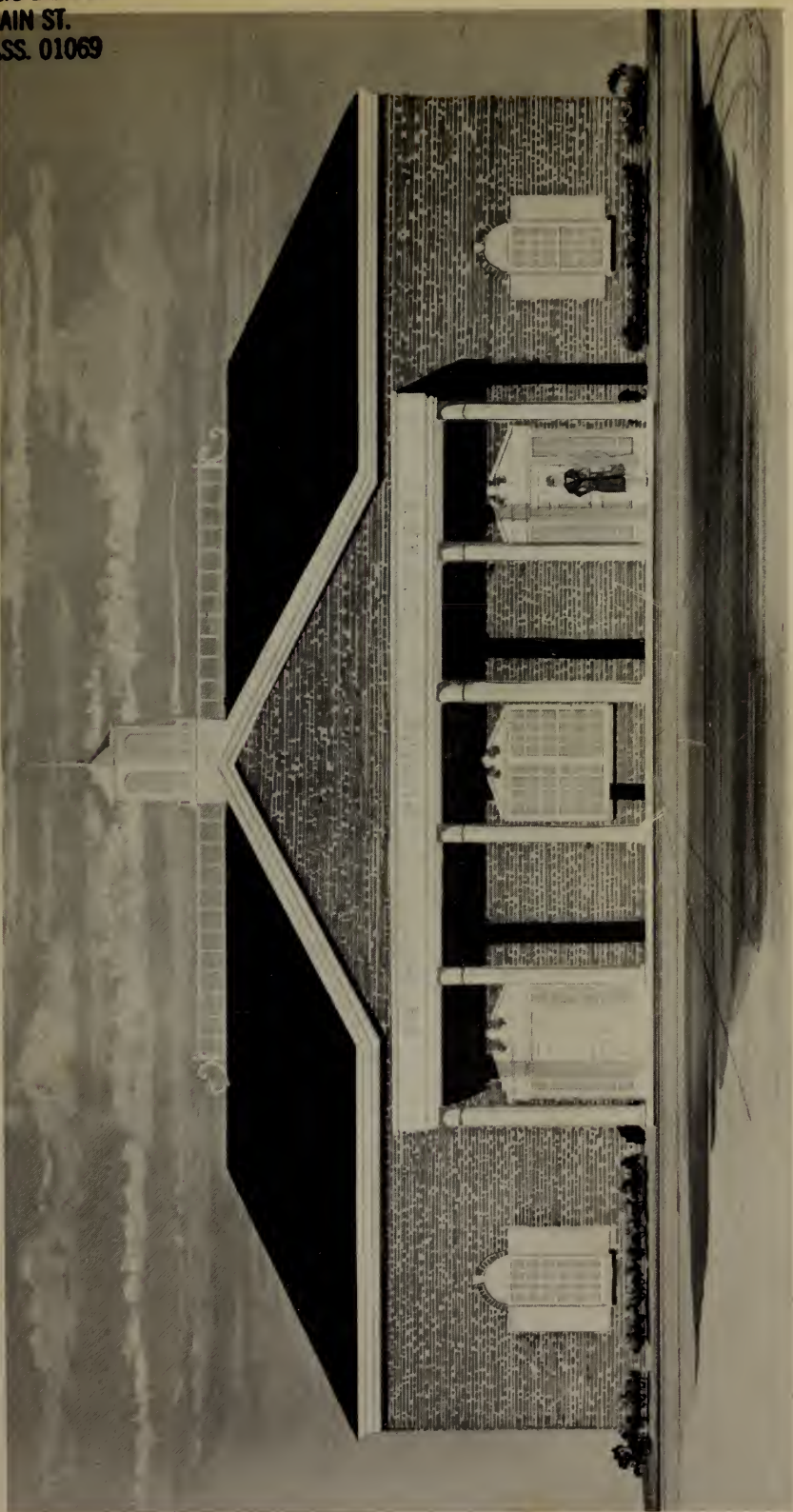


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ANNUAL TOWN REPORT / 1977

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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF PALMER

AND OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1977

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS

FOR

CONCRETE

AND

STEEL

CONSTRUCTION

AND

REPAIRS

AND

MAINTENANCE

FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on U.S. Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Mt. Pattaquattic, 180 feet
POPULATION	11,755 (State Census - 1975)
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE—FY—1978	
TOWN	\$35.50 per M
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
Precinct A	\$2.45 per M
Precinct B	\$1.10 per M
Precinct C	\$2.00 per M
Precinct D	\$2.00 per M
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	3,040 Approximately
PROPERTY VALUATION	\$118,162,920.00
AREA	Approximately: Land, 20,110.0 acres; water 457.5 acres, total 20,568.4 acres, 32.14 sq. miles
STREET AND HIGHWAYS	About 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Three elementary at Palmer, two at Three Rivers, one each at Thorndike and Bondsville, High School at Palmer
FIRE PROTECTION	Fire Stations at Walnut St., Palmer, Main St., Three Rivers and Main St., Bondsville
POLICE	Well-established and equipped department under Henry S. Janasiewicz, Acting Chief, Telephone 283-7461.
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Legion Field (athletic) , Eager Playground Burleigh Park, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, Thorndike Grammar School and Enedson Playground, Bondsville
PUBLIC LIBRARY	North Main Street, Palmer

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICTS
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE**

TOWN OF PALMER

United States Senators

Edward W. Brooke, Newton
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

Representative in Congress

Second Congressional District
Edward P. Boland, Springfield

Councillor

Seventh Councillor District
Leo J. Turo

State Senator

Worcester, Hampden, Franklin
and
Hampshire Senatorial District
Robert D. Wetmore

Representative in General Court

First Hampden Representative District
John B. Perry, Monson
Twentieth Hampden District
William D. Mullins

County Commissioners

Stephen A. Moynahan
Richard S. Thomas
Armando G. Dimauro

District Attorney

Matthew J. Ryan, Jr., Springfield

TOWN OFFICERS - - - 1977
(Elective)

	Term Expires
TOWN CLERK	
John T. Brown	1979
TOWN TREASURER	
Joseph S. Gill	1978
COLLECTOR OF TAXES	
Stephen J. Dranka	1980
SELECTMEN	
Gordon H. Christainsen, Chairman	1978
James L. St.Amand	1979
William J. Lemanski	1980
ASSESSORS	
Harold J. Gray, Chairman	1978
Stanley J. Swiatlowski	1979
Anthony Oliviera	1980
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Robert W. Dranka, Chairman	1978
Margaret A. O'Brien	1978
Lawrence M. Jasak	1979
Robert S. Dupuis	1980
Joseph J. Malzenski	1980
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C., Chairman	1979
Frederick J. Lis	1978
Donald H. Cavanaugh	1980
CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Walter L. Chase, Chairman	1978
Robert E. Geer	1979
Ernest G. Hiersche, Jr.	1980
LICENSE COMMISSIONERS, 1 year	
Milton F. Misiaszek, Chairman	
Bernard J. Lamery	Leon Wlodyka
PLANNING BOARD	
Aylmer C. Giroux, Chairman	1981
John Chopyk	1978
Deborah C. Pelletier	1979
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	1980
Doris S. Nahabedian	1982
E. Robert Graveline (appointed to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Aylmer C. Giroux) Joseph E. Slowick, Jr. (appointed to vacancy caused by the resignation of John Chopyk)	
PARK COMMISSIONERS, 1 year	
David E. Johnson, Chairman	
William K. Cole	Robert J. Demaio
James T. Duke	Walter A. Plute
PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY	
*Myrtle C. Davis, Chairman	
*State Member (appointed)	August 25, 1979
Rev. Guy M. Judkins	1978

Richard E. Fontaine	1979
Aloysius J. Tyburski	1981
William J. Lemanski	1982

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Michael J. Cavanaugh	1978
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr.	1979

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Neil M. McDonald, Chairman	1978
John D. O'Brien	1980
Thomas W. Haley	1981
Mary C. Krawiec	1982

State member (appointed):

Leonard J. Sabourin

February 12, 1978

MODERATOR, 1 year

Thomas W. Haley

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE —
(Civil Service)

Henry S. Janasiewicz

AIRPORT STUDY COMMITTEE

Harold S. Crane
Marilyn J. Longtine

Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.
Louis J. Wrubel

Bernard J. Griffin

AMBULANCE STUDY COMMITTEE

Denzil C. Drewry
Dominik Machnik

Mary E. Phelan
V. William Swirk

Sandra L. Reep

ANIMAL INSPECTOR —

Louis S. Jacek

BOARD OF APPEALS

Gordon R. Dean	1978
Dr. William Riley	1979
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1979
Joseph L. Marchelewicz	1980
Mitchell L. Dobek	1980
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr., Alternate	1978

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Joseph P. Golas

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Anthony J. Piechota

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Margaret P. Ziegler	1978
Richard D. Stred	1978
Harry Johnson	1979
Jane Golas	1979
William M. Wadas	1980
Andrew S. Roman	1980
David E. Johnson	1980

CONSTABLES

Harold L. Olson	Daniel A. Janulewicz
Edward J. Jasak	Howard E. Case
Henry S. Janasiewicz	Earl E. Benoit
Palmer N. Santucci, Jr.	

COUNCIL ON AGING

Isabel M. Ditto	1978
C. Hebert Salter	1978
Nathan N. Sheldon	1978
Andre A. Corbin	1979
Rev. James Diemand	1979
Elizabeth S. Kolbusz	1979
Kenneth C. Roberge	1979
Genevieve G. Janosz	1980
Joseph J. Malzenski	1980
Richard T. Santucci	1980
Rose Tyburski - Home Care Observer	1980

COURTHOUSE STUDY COMMITTEE

Dominik Machnik
Denzil C. Drewry
Thomas S. Harrington
V. William Swirk
Mary E. Phelan

COURT PROSECUTOR Walter D. Raleigh

CUSTODIAN, MEMORIAL HALL John F. Doyle

CUSTODIAN, PALMER TOWN BUILDING Walter A. Pietryka

DOG OFFICER Frederick J. Guzik, Jr.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, SELECTMEN	Stanley J. Bigda - 1978
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Three Yr. Term

Richard P. Bonnayer
David M. Droz
Mitchell Garabedian
Edward S. Godek
Walter J. Graham, Sr.
John T. Leacock
Alexander J. Lemanski
Edward R. Libera

Two Yr. Term

Mark E. Benoit
Robert E. Blanchard
Edward H. Boron
Joseph P. Golas
William Gilbert, Jr.
Joseph A. Kszepka
Matthew Laska
Stanley Ridz

Joseph L. Marchelewicz
Chester G. Motyka
Henry C. Naglack
Frederick C. Rathbone, Jr.

Roger W. Sibley
Winston L. Stred
Gary F. Stahelski
William J. Webb, Sr.

One Yr. Term

Paul L. Brouillette
Norbert P. Fauteux
John J. Gancarz
Chester F. Jackanowski
Clarence C. Johnson
Edward J. Noonan
Robert J. Riel
Stanley J. Salamon
Fred A. Silliker
John A. Skowronek
Walter P. Wozniakowski

FOREST WARDEN

Gus A. Theodore

GARBAGE COLLECTION (contract)

Stanley P. Juda

GAS INSPECTOR

Robert Squires

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen J. Lebida	1979
William M. Wadas	1979
Daniel V. Fogarty, Jr.	1979
Reginald C. Gale	1979
Margaret P. Donovan	1980
Doris S. Nahabedian	1980
Marion P. Lis	1980

HOUSE NUMBERER

Joseph P. Golas

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCING AUTHORITY

Gordon J. King	1978
Theodore N. Bonnayer	1979
Chester Gronostalski	1980
Stephanie G. Lesniewski	1981
Dr. James R. Flaherty	1982

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert R. Canterbury
Joseph S. Gill

Robert R. Janasiewicz
Sidney R. Mercier

Reginald E. Molleur

INSURANCE BROKERS OF RECORD

Robert E. Graveline

Joseph A. Kszepka

LOCAL BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

Gordon R. Dean	1978
Dr. William Riley	1979
Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	1979

Mitchell L. Dobek
Joseph L. Marchelewicz

1980
1980

LOCAL GROWTH POLICY STUDY COMMITTEE

Gordon H. Christiansen
David E. Johnson
Richard E. Fontaine
John D. O'Brien
Dr. Maurice R. LePage

Kenneth C. Sherman
George W. LeBlanc, Jr.
Marion C. Stephenson
Joseph P. Hinchey
Robert E. Graveline

Joseph P. Golas

Students:

Janet Callahan

Michael Paugh

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Town Representative
Policy Advisory Representative
"208" Police Advisory Representative

George A. Backus
Jane E. Golas
David R. Taylor

MILK INSPECTOR

Frank J. Swiatlowski

OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

Mitchell L. Dobek
Bernard J. Griffin
Ernest Osterman
Alfred E. Brysh
Harry Benedetti
Stewart I. Swain
James P. Rooney
Neil M. McDonald

Mitchell Garabedian
Mary C. Krawiec
Lawrence F. Donovan
Edward R. Libera
Stanley J. Strzeminski
Donald S. Fountain
Mary M. McManus
Charles A. Ramadon

Stephanie G. Lesniewski

PALMER AUXILIARY POLICE

Lawrence A. Barton
Ronald J. Bigda
Charles M. Callahan, III
Robert Frydryk
Ronald A. Gouvin
Arthur A. Hebert, Jr.

Louis W. Iadisernia
Richard A. Kszepka
Raymond F. LaBonte
Robert R. Laviolette
Cornelius J. Murphy, Jr.
Roland F. Roy

Donald L. Tassinari

PALMER INDUSTRIAL AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Theodore N. Bonnayer
Gordon H. Christiansen
Dr. James R. Flaherty
Chester Gronostalski
Thomas W. Haley

Walter M. Krawiec
Arthur C. Lincoln
Leo F. St.Amand
Linwood F. Thompson
Alexander W. Tobiasz

PALMER LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE

Lois C. Reynolds, Ex-Officio
Member, Board of Trustees

Walter A. Haggerty, Jr.
Mary M. McManus
Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.

Jeannette M. Graveline
William H. Maus
Rose C. Tyburski

Robert R. Janasiewicz
Ann A. Heropoulos
Henry Rivers
Helen Duffy

V. Ursula St. Amand
Michael J. Moran
Gladys B. Duffy
Patricia Smith

James J. Paugh, Finance Committee Member

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE — —

John J. Dyl 1978

PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Winston Churchill	1978
Richard C. Taylor	1979
Mary A. Fogarty	1979
Mitchell L. Dobek	1980

PLUMBING INSPECTOR —

Henry Salamon

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Wilfred J. Marchand
Irene A. Raczka
Catherine Romanik
Roland J. Fontaine
Richard E. Fontaine
Richard V. Dulude
Howard Lemon
Philip O'Malley

Bernard Fontaine
David J. Shumway
Earl L. Stockwell
Brian A. Haley
Charles M. Callahan
Barbara A. Kerigan
Arthur Merritt
Patrick C. Connor

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Charles H. Jasak	1978
Richard J. DeMaio	1978
Roland F. Benoit	1979
Sandra L. Reep	1979
Marion E. Kozlik	1980
Walter J. Majka	1981
Edwin J. Rehor	1981
Gerald J. Aliengena	1982
Paul P. Frydryk	1982
John J. Dyl - Director	
James T. Duke - 1st Alternate	1979
Louis J. Mercier - 2nd Alternate	1980

REGIONAL RAIL SERVICE RESEARCH REPRESENTATIVE

Robert E. Blanchard

REGISTRARS

John T. Brown	permanent
Alexander R. Matera	1978
Sonia L. Thompson	1979
Edward J. Tenczar	1980

SANITARY LANDFILL CARETAKER —

James Rich

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES —
(Civil Service)

Charles H. Jasak

SUPT., INSECT PEST CONTROL —	Stanley J. Strzemienski
SUPT., PARK DEPARTMENT —	Michael Russo
SUPT., STREETS & HIGHWAYS —	Oliver A. Beauregard
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Stanley J. Bigda - 1978
TOWN AUCTIONEER	Franklin A. Gale
TOWN COUNSEL	James F. Baird - 1978
TOWN ENGINEER	Kenneth C. Sherman

TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

Gus A. Theodore	Charles R. Frydryk
Andrew M. Galansky, Jr.	

TREE WARDEN	Oliver A. Beauregard
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VETERAN'S AGENT, BURIAL AGENT, GRAVES OFFICER	Edward J. Salamon
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WIRE INSPECTOR	Stanley J. Pietryka
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ZONING BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

Robert Graveline	Doris Nahabedian
David E. Johnson	Deborah Pelletier
Walter S. Topor	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The years move swiftly along and 1977 was no exception with brisk activity and progress in areas which will largely affect our town in the future.

In April the Board reorganized with Gordon H. Christiansen as Chairman, James L. St.Amand as Vice-Chairman and William J. Lemanski as Clerk.

We highlight some of the more important activities of the Board of Selectmen:

Taxes

Our Board is greatly concerned over the \$8.00 increase from \$27.50 to \$35.50 in the tax rate. However, only \$1.05 of that increase was attributable to an increase in local appropriations and expenditures. The major factors influencing the 29% increase were increases in State and County assessments, a decrease in State Aid and lack of available funds (Surplus) to reduce the tax rate.

We are hopeful that the Commonwealth will restore cuts in State Aid to Cities and Towns and will provide a source of funding for Chapter 766, Special Needs to Education, and similar mandated programs which continue to place a tremendous burden on the local property owner.

Water Pollution Control Program

After more than twenty years of planning, construction of the Town's water pollution control program began in September 1977. The wastewater treatment plant and certain interceptors include capacity for Diamond International Corp. and the Town of Monson. Under agreements previously negotiated, Diamond International and Monson will pay their proportional share of the local capital costs and annual operating and maintenance costs.

At year's end, construction was actively underway on the 5.6 million gallons per day wastewater treatment plant in Three Rivers, three interceptor pipelines contracts, and five sewage pumping stations.

In early January 1977, the Town negotiated a compromise agreement with the U.S. environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Historical Commission relative to the study of potentially significant archaeological sites to be impacted by the project. Between the period April through June 1977 a team of archaeologists from Harvard University, Institute for Conservation Archaeology, conducted intensive phase studies at eleven selected sites throughout the Town.

One provision of the compromise agreement stipulated that archaeological research must be completed by mid-June so as not to interfere with planned construction during the Summer.

Archaeological artifacts were uncovered at only two of the eleven sites under study - a portion of the treatment plant site, and on the oppo-

site bank of the Ware River at the end of Riverside Avenue. The ICA's final report has been forwarded by the Town to State and Federal regulatory agencies for review.

Bid openings were held in early June, and the results sent to the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval. Approval was received during mid-August, and contracts were signed on August 30, 1977. The contracts awarded are as follows:

Contract No. 1 — Palmer Interceptor J.H. Maxymillian, Inc. Lanesboro, Massachusetts	\$1,685,890.00
Contract No. 2 — Thorndike - Bondsville Interceptor Warner Brothers, Inc. Sunderland, Massachusetts	\$2,188,216.00
Contract No. 3 — Three Rivers Interceptor Lawler Construction Corp. South Hadley, Massachusetts	\$ 366,905.00
Contract No. 4 — Pump Station Nos. 1 and 2 Joseph Orwat & Sons Chicopee Falls, Massachusetts	\$1,608,000.00
Contract No. 5 — Pump Stations Nos. 3,4,5 Warner Bros., Inc. Sunderland, Massachusetts	\$ 894,674.52
Contract No. 6 — Wastewater Treatment Plant Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc. Holyoke, Massachusetts	\$8,918,172.20

A formal groundbreaking ceremony was held on September 22, 1977. Governor Michael Dukakis was joined by Congressional and State dignitaries, and representatives from Diamond International, Monson and Belchertown at the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Funds to construct the six contracts of the Water Pollution Control Project include approximately 1.9 million dollars in local monies, 12.8 million dollars in Federal Funds and 2.6 million dollars in State funds. Diamond International and Monson will pay their proportional share of the local cost.

The entire project will be complete and operational by September 1980.

Public Works Employment Act of 1976

The Town of Palmer again applied for Federal grants from the Economic Development Administration for local public works projects. The Town was more successful in the second round of grants, and received \$100,000 for roadway and drainage improvements and \$131,000 for parks and recreation improvements.

Bids for the two projects were received and opened on November 22, 1977. The contract for the roadway and drainage improvements on

Forest Street was awarded to Jack Goncalves & Sons of Ludlow, Massachusetts for \$76,545.

The one bid received for the recreational facilities improvements in Three Rivers was submitted by Palmer Bituminous Paving Corp. At year's end, award of a contract to Palmer Bituminous Paving Corp. is uncertain.

Ceta Program

The Town of Palmer continued to participate in the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act program (CETA) as a member of the Hampden County Manpower Consortium. The Consortium executes contracts and receives grants to undertake individual programs and projects related to the alleviation of conditions of unemployment and under-employment.

At year's end, there were nineteen persons employed in the program in the following departments:

- 2 – Cemetery Laborers
- 2 – Tree Dept. Laborers
- 2 – Park Dept. Laborers
- 2 – Palmer Public Library Technicians
- 1 – Palmer Public Library Maintenance - Driver Technician
- 1 – Sanitary Landfill Operator
- 1 – Bondsville Water Dept. Laborer
- 1 – Three Rivers Water Dept. Laborer
- 1 – Selectmen's Dept. Craftsman - Maintenance Man
- 1 – Selectmen's Dept. Floating Clerk/Typist
- 1 – School Dept. Custodian
- 1 – School Dept. Special Needs Counselor Assistant
- 1 – Police Dept. Dispatcher
- 1 – Council-on-Aging Director
- 1 – Pathfinder School Clerk/Typist

In addition to the full-time participants, the Palmer School Department employed four participants, and the Pathfinder utilized six participants under the Special Target Employment in Public Services Program (STEPS). The intent of this program is to create labor intensive projects which will cause a rapid and sustained economic impact in the community. The Palmer School Department was granted funds for an energy conservation project. Pathfinder School directed it's grant toward placing the unemployed in Self-help situations via the elimination of employment handicaps.

The CETA program continues to provide jobs for the unemployed and at the same time the town benefits from cost-free services.

Neighborhood Youth Corps Program

The Board of Selectmen placed 44 participants in various agency locations in the Town during the summer of 1977. This program is primarily geared to low income and economically disadvantaged youngsters between the ages of 16 and 21. The participants work a 25 hour week for a period of eight weeks. The Counselor-Supervisor was William Gallagher who has handled the program for the Selectmen for the past few years.

Council-on-Aging Grant

On July 12, 1977, the Chairman of the Board signed a letter of endorsement regarding the Council on Aging application for funds under Title 5 of the Older Americans Act, for interior and exterior improvements to be made to the Memorial Hall building now being utilized by the Council.

On November 1, 1977, a letter was received from the Department of Elder Affairs announcing that \$9,000 was granted under this Title 5, Older Americans Act to the Town and the Council on Aging for these improvements.

New Library Facility

One of the highlights of the 1977 year was the dedication of the newly renovated library building on North Main Street in Palmer. The building was approved by the voters for purchase and renovation at a Special Town Meeting on May 24, 1976. The year 1977 saw the complete renovation and landscaping of the property with a formal dedication on Saturday, May 21, 1976 at which Senator Edward W. Brooke was the main speaker.

A special mention should be made at this time of the Palmer Jaycees, their leaders, townspeople, businessmen and all others who successfully carried out "Operation Bookworm" which saw the transfer of volumes of books from the old library on Central Street via a human chain to the new building on North Main Street. All parties who planned this operation for so many long months prior to the dedication are to be condemned as having offered an invaluable service to the entire Town of Palmer.

Palmer Industrial Park and the Palmer Redevelopment Authority

Limited progress was made in resolving the problems of the Palmer Redevelopment Authority and the Palmer Industrial Park. The Economic Development Administration continued to withhold grant payment of \$458,738 until certain covenants were agreed to by the Town and the owner of the Industrial Park. Meanwhile the P.R.A. experience financial difficulty and came to the town for additional funds for land taking costs and related legal fees. The town responded with a payment of \$27,750.17 with a stipulation that these monies be returned upon receipt of the remainder of the E.D.A. grant.

In September the Palmer Redevelopment Authority received the long-awaited check from the Economic Development Administration in the amount of \$458,738. With the receipt of these funds the Board of Selectmen look forward to the completion of the construction of the Industrial Park, the return of the \$27,750.17 loaned to the P.R.A., a resolve of the difference between J.B. Williams, the owner of the Park and the P.R.A., a resumption of the \$100,000 annual payment to the town which now is three years in arrears and the prospect of tenants in the Industrial Park which will bring employment to our citizens, thus aiding the economy of the area and broaden our tax base. It is interesting to note that in fiscal year 1978 the Town of Palmer will pay \$140,000 as principal on the town's indebtedness on the Park and \$104,250 on the interest on that indebtedness. This alone reflects more than \$2.00 on our tax rate. The

Board of Selectmen offers the full resources of its office toward assisting the P.R.A. in achieving the original objective of the Industrial Park -- jobs for our citizens. Let us hope that on the tenth anniversary of the disastrous Bondsville fire, we are close to attaining the goals we set forth soon after that holocaust. With purpose in mind and a determination to succeed and with a unified effort, we shall succeed.

Pathfinder Expansion

In October of 1977 the Pathfinder School Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss expansion of the regional school to possibly include the towns of Ware, Warren, North and West Brookfield all of whom have shown an interest in becoming participants. A proposed Planning Commission to be made up of 18 persons, 6 from the District, 1 from each of the towns involved and 2 from Pathfinder School Committee was discussed and the Selectmen sent a list of potential candidates to serve on this Commission.

Indian Heritage Day

On Sunday, May 29, 1977, Indian Heritage Day was held near the site of the wastewater treatment facility on North Street in Three Rivers. The day was given over to actual "Indian villages" set up along the bank of the river near the site depicting the various methods of farming, crafts and other life styles used by the Indians during that period. This was prompted by the fact that the site, based upon archaeologists studies, showed that Indian tribes did indeed live in this area and were an integral part of this early community.

Retirements

It was with deep regret that the Board of Selectmen learned of the retirement of Acting Chief of Police Henry S. Janasiewicz and Veterans' Agent Edward J. Salamon. Acting Chief Janasiewicz served the citizens of Palmer from 1948 and will retire on January 31, 1978.

Mr. Salamon administered to the needs of our veterans from July 6, 1949 and retired on December 31, 1977. To both of these dedicated individuals who served creditably and honorably and faithfully, we wish good health and many years of happy retirement.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS IN 1977

To provide the townspeople with an accurate account of what transpired at our Special Town Meetings during the past year, we have listed the purpose and results of each of these meetings:

January 17, 1977 --

1. Voters approved the taking by eminent domain, various parcels in the Town of Palmer for the construction, operation and maintenance of WPC Project, sewers, pumping stations, temporary construction easements and permanent easements as shown on plans on file with the office of the Town Clerk.

VOTE: MAJORITY

2. Voters approved accepting from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority a license to construct, operate and maintain sewer lines and related facilities upon land of Massachusetts Turnpike Authority.

VOTE: MAJORITY

3. Voters accepted easement to construct, operate and maintain sewer lines and related facilities from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District upon land of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

VOTE: MAJORITY

4. Voters accepted easements to construct, operate and maintain sewer lines and related facilities from Palmer Fire District No. 1 upon land of Palmer Fire District No. 1.

VOTE: MAJORITY

5. Voters authorized the Selectmen to petition the General Court for legislation to ratify and confirm all proceedings taken by the town at Special Town Meetings on April 26, 1976 and September 20, 1976, including land takings.

VOTE: MAJORITY

6. Voters approved the sum of \$23,000 be transferred from Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title II funds for purchase of a forest fire truck.

VOTE: MAJORITY

February 14, 1977 —

1. Voters authorized the Board of Selectmen to defend the suit of Santucci vs Lemanski et al (Hampden Court Civil Action No. 77-18) by use of Town Counsel and/or Special counsel retained for that purpose and that the sum of \$12,000 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to cover expenses of such defense.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

June 6, 1977 —

1. Voters approved transfer of \$24,464 from available funds in the Treasury to repair roof on new addition to high school.

VOTE: MAJORITY

October 17, 1977 —

1. Voters approved a transfer in the amount of \$55,280.46 from various sanitary sewer accounts to the Water Pollution Control account.

VOTE: MAJORITY

2. Voters approved a transfer of the following sums from the Public Works Employment Act of 1976, Title 2 Trust Fund Account to defray the cost of custodial service and maintenance at Memorial Hall building for fiscal 1978:

Custodial Service	\$1,211.65
Memorial Hall	
Other Expense Account	4,790.00

VOTE: MAJORITY

3. Voters approved the sum of \$300 be transferred from available funds in the Treasury to non-contributory pension account of Leo J. Santucci for fiscal year 1978.

VOTE: MAJORITY

December 19, 1977—

1. Voters approved the sum of \$3,300 be appropriated from available funds in the Treasury for the purchase of land and building at Main Street, Bondsville and further, voters approved the sum of \$300 be appropriated from available funds in the Treasury for costs of transfer and legal fees.

VOTE: 2/3 86 to 8

At this time, we, the Board of Selectmen, extend our gratitude to all town employees, committees and citizens who have given their full support in all our endeavors.

In this same spirit, we are confident the year 1978 will again prove itself one of progress and growth for our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon H. Christiansen
James L. St.Amand
William J. Lemanski
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following dog licenses were issued during the year ending December 31, 1977:

Males	663
Females	117
Spayed Females	351
Kennel	15
Total	1,146

Paid Treasurer. \$3,550.60

The following permits were issued during the year ending December 31, 1977:

Raffle-Bazaar	10
Gasolene storage (renewals)	38
Total	48

Paid Town Treasurer (48 @ \$10.00) \$480.00

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The following Vital Statistics were received for record for the year ending December 31, 1977:

Number of births	119
Number of marriages	162
Number of deaths	146

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Brown
Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

The attention of parents and others is called to the following Vital Statistics. It is important that the records should be correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered, the Town Clerk will deem it a favor to have the same reported to him at once and he will make the corrections in accordance with the law. Parents should see that a proper return of birth is made as it may be of great importance in after life.

BIRTHS 1977

Date	Name of Child	Parents
JANUARY		
1	Victoria Rose Heim	Mark R. & Darlene A.
4	Sara Wells Mombourquette	Paul V. & Meredith L.
6	Jeremy Patrick Lessard	Patrick J. & Linda M.
12	Timothy James Barton	Kenneth C. & Catherine R.
12	Marci Lynn Motroni	John J. & Linda A.
14	Kevin Michael Kelleher	Richard F. & Barbara J.
16	Todd Michael Smola	Richard W. & Deborah A.
18	Jeremy Adam Gaudette	Donald A. & Elizabeth A.
19	Justin Gene Williams	Glenn A. & Sherri A.
21	Sarah Lesley Atwell	Joseph C. & Susan L.
22	Lindsay Ann Ruby	James R. & Teresa M.
23	Kimberley Ann Enos	William H. & Clovia C.
23	Christopher Scott Pobieglo	Richard M. & Laura
27	Amanda Beth Nowak	Stephen M. & Frances L.
27	Alisha Beth Nowak	Stephen M. & Frances L.
FEBRUARY		
1	Jason Talbot Midwood	William R. & Diane M.
1	Nathan Allen Robbins	Russell A. & Donna R.
5	Joshua James Theodore	James P. & Elizabeth M.
8	Scott Raymond Sabourin	Raymond F. Jr. & Elaine A.
12	Jason Charles Palmer	Thomas E. & Charlene C.
15	Jessica Lynn Lester	George H. & Constance M.
20	Michael Patrick Beauchemin	Eugene D. III & Patricia L.
22	Amy Ashley Butcher	John R. & Barbara A.
22	Danielle Christina Lombard	Daniel C. & Cathy E.
23	Jeffrey Alan Richardson II	Jeffrey A. & Alicia I.
24	Natalie Roma Gasperini	Andrew J. & Gloria C.
25	Candace Pamela Crowther	Dale R. & Paula J.
MARCH		
5	Mathew Ronald Rzegocki	Chester & Arlene J.
8	Adam John Dziedzinski	William J. & Kathryn A.
10	Matthew James Lis	James H. & Sara A.
11	Jeremy Glen Reid	Arthur B. & Cynthia M.
15	Richard Arthur Manegre Jr.	Richard A. & Lynn
16	Cynthia Jean Williams	Ernest J. II & Virginia
17	Kimberly Theresa LaFlamme	Raymond L. & Diane M.
18	Keith Patrick O'Connor	Michael A. & Susan M.
25	Autumn Lynn Biron	Dennis C. & Marsha L.
APRIL		
2	Andrea Karah Carvalho	John M. & Kathleen
4	Christopher Michael Comeau	Raymond J. & Rose M.
4	Gabriel Bruce Mansfield	Dennis M. & Marjorie A.
7	Ian Todd McDonald	William A. Jr. & Elizabeth A.
14	Christopher John Duke	James T. & Ann
16	Michelle Ann Smola	Richard R. & Debra E.
19	Carly Catherine Chagnon	Ronald W. & Linda J.
19	Tory Rubner	Richard F. & Hope E.
20	Emily Abigail Smith	Russell B. & Joan E.
21	Matthew George Kudriaszow	Jurij & Pamela M.
25	Ryan Thomas Mancuso	Daniele P. & Janet L.
28	Nicole Pearl Shumway	Gregory W. & Pauline I.
MAY		
11	Jaime Lynn Disley	Thomas M. & Linda M.
21	Jeremy Joseph Sasur	David E. & Patricia A.
22	Sabrina Louise Doel	Paul J. & Pauline A.
25	Jennifer Leigh Allaire	Brian A. & Pamela L.
25	George Ronald Stewart III	George R. Jr. & Cindy L.
31	Jesica Lynn Silva	John E. & Pamela J.

Date	Name of Child	Parents
JUNE		
3	Melanie Antoinette Geer	David A. & Maureen L.
3	Michael Louis LeClair	Norman E. & Gail E.
3	Amy Colleen Wallace	William E. & Elizabeth A.
7	Tanya Marie Blatchley	Andrew D. & Irene M.
7	Melanie Ann Chapin	Leon N. & Sheila M.
10	Dennis James O'Connor Jr.	Dennis J. & Brenda J.
11	Ethan Randolph Koslowski	Richard J. & Nancy J.
19	Kimberly Ann Grenier	Thomas R. & Theresa
21	Jennifer Ellen Fongemie	Allen P. & Ellen A.
30	Joshua John Chaples	George R. Jr. & Dina L.
JULY		
4	Kelly Jean Smith	Ronald J. & Susan I.
8	David Dustan Bruni	David S. & Kathleen L.
8	Benjamin Briggs Murphy	George B. Jr. & Diane L.
12	Amanda Jean Richard	Leo J. & Maureen C.
22	Kelly Marie Shaw	Robert E. & Donna Lee M.
28	Timothy Howard Mann	Howard I. Jr. & Deborah L.
AUGUST		
4	Jennifer Lynn Arnio	Bruce M. & Lizabeth E.
6	Jennifer Marie Sawicki	Victor F. & Patricia A.
12	Stacy Lynn Tela	Carl V. & Donna L.
14	Jeffrey Alan Topor	Michael J. & Ann M.
15	Michael Patrick O'Keefe	Michael J. & Cindy J.
15	Michael Richard Tourville	Michael A. & Donna L.
20	Roderick David Woods	Harold R.A. & Carol A.
24	Amanda Deanna Brennan	Leonard J. Jr. & Dianne F.
25	Jeffrey Marciniac	John & Risaie M.
26	Karla Ann Dawson	Willie J. & Pamela J.
26	Sarah Jane Mead	Philip M. & Sarah H.
28	Jessica Denise Brach	Roger E. & Alice E.
SEPTEMBER		
4	Justin Adam delaBruere	Jacques A. & Karen A.
4	Nicole Aldea Murray	Rodney J. & Diane C.
10	Peter Dougal	John & Janet
16	Lori Ann Provost	John A. & Katherine L.
22	Kevin Thomas Flynn	Thomas F. & Doreen J.
25	Heather Renee Cookman	Kenneth E. & Lesley M.
25	Kathryn Jean Young	Richmond E. III & Carol L.
26	Bryan Laurence Rathbone	Frederick C. Jr. & Bonny B.
28	Brian Michael Kimbell	Edwin W. & Karen L.
29	Brandy Lee McNamee	Robert L. & Alaine A.
OCTOBER		
2	Krista Ann Kowalik	Edward J. & Carol A.
14	Chad Joseph Pelletier	Richard G. & Mary A.
17	Nathan Alan VanDeusen	Glen T. & Paula A.
18	Scot Edward Dunham	Richard L. & Dawn K.
21	Stephen Earl Brodeur	Raymond E. Jr. & Mary G.
22	Scott Christopher Ramsay	Louis C. & Patricia E.
25	Heidi Elizabeth Drawec	William J. & Carol M.
25	Maira Ellen Noonan	Edward J. & Sandra J.
25	Meghan Eileen Noonan	Edward J. & Sandra J.
26	Douglas Albert Musto	Joseph R. & Janice L.
NOVEMBER		
4	Elizabeth Jennifer Eagan	Michael J. & Mary E.
11	Priscilla Helene Chevalier	Daniel R. & Hazel E.
18	Heather Rose Allen	Michael P. & Rosemarie E.
18	Scott Allen Bergeron	Richard D. & Coral A.
18	Matthew William Grabowski	Frank D. & Catherine A.
18	Bruce George Vreeland, Jr.	Bruce G. & Carolyn A.
18	Thomas Joseph Zglobicki, Jr.	Thomas J. & Elaine A.
24	Jessica Michelle Blodgett	James K. & Linda L.

Date	Name of Child	Parents
DECEMBER		
1	Hans Hubert Mentzen II	Hans H. & Dona D.
2	Keith Joseph Szemela	Robert A. & Mary J.
7	Sabrina Ann Kokoski	Michael Sr. & Barbara J.
10	Michael Paul Drzewianowski	Zenon G. & Catherine A.
13	Christopher James Bennett	James E. & Jo-Ellen
15	Angela Marie Desotell	George E. & Bonita J.
20	Thomas Albert Flebotte Jr.	Thomas A. & Kathleen M.
27	Jason Charles Lachance	John G. & Carol A.
28	Jason Frank Czech	Norman A. & Charlene A.

MARRIAGES 1977

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
JANUARY				
8	Thomas E. Palmer	Palmer	Charlene C. Winkler	Palmer
13	James M. Tucker	Palmer	Donna G. Philibotte	Palmer
15	John J. Szanderowski, Jr.	Palmer	Alice J. Parrettie	Sturbridge
16	Bret R. Douty	Monson	Sandra F. Gopfert	Palmer
22	David S. Bruni	Palmer	Kathleen L. Melvin	Palmer
22	Raymond J. Comeau	Palmer	Rose M. Anderson	Palmer
24	George A. Allen III	Springfield	Janice E. Graham	Monson
25	Joseph D. Philibotte Sr.	Palmer	Betty L. Philibotte	Palmer
29	William S. Roy	Palmer	Susan T. Walsh	Springfield
FEBRUARY				
5	Alfred A. Santos	Palmer	Joyce A. Pawlowski	Palmer
10	Eralio J. Hinojoza	Houston, Texas	Clelia M. Blandon	Central America
11	Richard L. Ginman	Palmer	Sandra M. LaRose	Palmer
12	Dale S. Hancock	Palmer	Suzanne M. Poirier	Palmer
13	Richard R. Smola	Palmer	Debra E. Beddingfield	Belchertown
19	Richard J. Koslowski	Palmer	Nancy J. Bryant	Monson
19	Peter P. Marlow	Palmer	Kitty M. Pinney	Palmer
26	Howard E. Jenkins	Palmer	Etta A. Joyce	Palmer
MARCH				
5	Thomas J. Fleury	Palmer	Debra L. Palmer	Belchertown
5	Charles P. Turner	Palmer	Nancy L. Perkins	Palmer
5	Domenic G. Woffenden	Palmer	Sandra L. Motta	Springfield
10	Matthew F. Pottier	Ware	Pamala L. Lynch	Ware
12	Donald R. Demers	Palmer	Joan E. Sequist	Enfield, Conn.
19	Yvon Lachance	Palmer	Joyce M. Clark	Palmer
30	Frank Majka	Hardwick	Marcia Root	Hardwick
APRIL				
1	Leon N. Chapin	Palmer	Sheila M. Goodreau	Palmer
2	Robert L. Ross	Monson	Shirley E. Aliengena	Palmer
10	Steven R. Wright	Chicopee	Wendy A. Marier	Palmer
15	Walter G. Lindsey	Ludlow	Linda M. Primavera	Ware
15	William A. Meade	Chicopee	Mary H. Edger	Monson
16	Michael W. Avis	Palmer	Martina S. Killian	Palmer
16	Bradley J. Kennison	Monson	Sandra M. Schlesinger	Palmer
16	Raymond F. Losaw	Palmer	Dorcas R. Charette	Palmer
18	John Marciniac	Palmer	Rosalie M. Frydryk	Palmer
20	Robert M. Roach	Palmer	Janice Y. Muse	Palmer
23	John J. Davin, Jr.	Katonah, N.Y.	Donna M. LaBarre	Palmer
23	Stanley M. Koziol	Warren	Kim I. Marhelewicz	Palmer
23	Thomas E. Reznik	Ware	Margaret T. Tully	Palmer
23	Phillip A. Sawicki	Palmer	Rosemarie LeBeau	Palmer
30	David F. Chase	Palmer	Donna M. Wilks	Palmer
30	Robert P. Jones	Weymouth	Diane S. Ziembra	Weymouth
MAY				
4	David A. Woodman	Palmer	Carol M. Gopfert	Palmer
7	Steven P. Decoteau	Springfield	Patricia M. Price	Palmer
7	Jeremiah P. Shea	Palmer	Jane V. Widelo	Hatfield
7	Thomas J. Zglobicki	Belchertown	Elaine A. Skowrya	Palmer
14	Bernard E. Appleby	Monson	Mary Ann Sierakowski	Palmer

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
20	John L. Bigda	Palmer	Leah A. Brothers	Palmer
20	Paul A. Chrzan	Ludlow	Janice G. Cholewa	Palmer
21	Thomas W. Clark	Palmer	Patricia A. Sweeney	Ware
21	Erwin Tanne	Palmer	Lydia M. LaBrecque	Palmer
21	Glen T. VanDeusen	Palmer	Paula A. Theodore	Palmer
27	William T. Mercier	Palmer	Judith E. Chrobak	Palmer
28	Donald R. Allaire	Palmer	Jacqueline G. Martin	Palmer

JUNE

4	Thomas E. Gatesman	Palmer	Elizabeth A. Pikul	Palmer
10	Randy E. Stabach	Palmer	Carol N. Riggie	Ware
11	Gerald J. Aliengena, Jr.	Palmer	Karen A. Gelinas	Monson
11	Leon A. Begin	Ware	Alice T. Jennings	Chicopee Falls
11	Roger W. Sibley	Palmer	Marcia P. Gray	Whitman
18	Donald R. Hawes	Palmer	Jane A. Thompson	Palmer
18	Paul V. Lefebvre	West Warren	Linda J. Gerry	West Warren
18	Stanley P. Libiszewski	Palmer	Rosalia G. Aparri	Palmer
18	Joseph A. Melanson, Jr.	Warren	Joanne M. Wylie	West Warren
24	Emile E. Gregoire	Belchertown	Carolyn R. Lamb	Palmer
25	Ronald D. Flowers	Monson	Jane M. Iwasinski	Wilbraham
25	Michael W. Gladbicky	Palmer	Evelyn D. Mullen	Palmer
25	Russell E. Manley	Palmer	Jeannie F. Christensen	Ware
25	Timothy J. Morin	North Brookfield	Anne M. Kapinos	Palmer
25	Bernard Samek, Jr.	Warren	Jane Majka	Warren

JULY

2	Walter A. Bates, Jr.	Palmer	Suzanne R. Berthiaume	Palmer
2	James A. Bucior	Palmer	Darlene A. Peterson	Palmer
2	Harold W. Clark	Palmer	Debra A. Dymek	Palmer
2	Richard A. Cook	Palmer	Birgit H. Webb	Palmer
2	Michael J. LeLaBruere	Palmer	Melody D. Lemon	Palmer
7	Earl E. Benoit	Palmer	Elaine F. Miarecki	Palmer
9	Richard A. Chmura	Buckport, Me.	Janice L. Bigda	Palmer
9	Joseph M. Galica	Palmer	Karen J. Smith	Palmer
9	Gary A. Gore	Palmer	Theresa I. Bernard	Palmer
9	Steven Pierce	Hardwick	Joan Markiewicz	Hardwick
16	Richard M. DiMarzio	Spencer	Christine S. Magiera	Palmer
16	David A. Misiaszek	Springfield	Julie A. Drozdowski	Palmer
16	Laurence A. Mongeon	Brimfield	Vina E. Darlington	Brookfield
16	Leslie M. Reining	Rochester, N.Y.	Cheryl L. Swingle	Palmer
16	Frank A. Vancici	Agawam	Tania Bernazki	Agawam
23	Thomas J. Brownhill	Palmer	Janice L. Ittner	Chicopee
23	John C. Toutant	Belchertown	Gretchen I. Marshall	Palmer

AUGUST

2	John J. Howe	Monson	Judith E. Long	Monson
5	Edward P. Syriac	Palmer	Rhonda L. Brown	Belchertown
6	Thomas M. O'Brien	Palmer	Mary A. Hancock	Palmer
6	Gerald F. Skaza	Palmer	Theresa M. Woffenden	Palmer
13	Kert R. Dolloff, Livermore Falls, Me.		Regina M. Sydl	Palmer
13	Dennis J. Morin	Palmer	Cynthia J. Ochs	Palmer
13	Stanislaw R. Rozwadowski, Chicopee		Gail A. Guzik	Palmer
19	Lyndhurst F. Aunchman	Palmer	Carole M. Baird	Palmer
19	Stephen M. Rice	Springfield	Karen A. Rowe	Springfield
20	Bruce A. Daigle	Ware	Lyndia M. Brooke	Ware
20	Dennis H. Mott	Monson	Rona M. Laviolette	Palmer
20	Keith R. Pereira	Palmer	Susan M. Taylor	Palmer
20	Michael J. Russo, Jr.	Palmer	Deborah M. Zawacki	Palmer
20	Stewart I. Swain	Palmer	Mildred H. Lovotti	Agawam
27	Dennis M. Adam	Brattleboro, Vt.	Margaret J. Raczk	Palmer
27	Thomas H. Dewey	Palmer	Viola C. Lenz	Palmer
27	Rudolph J. Kusek	Palmer	Norma G. Benoit	Palmer
27	David J. McCormick		Mary Ann Strempek	
		Middletown, Ohio		Palmer
27	Robert W. Perrin	Monson	Cynthia R. Zisk	Palmer
28	Randall C. Walder	Palmer	Nancy J. Dodge	Belchertown

SEPTEMBER

2	Bruce R. Simonds	Wilbraham	Doris G. Rogers	Palmer
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Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence
3	Marc M. Larder	Agawam	Ellen M. Gladkowski	Agawam
3	Stephen H. Racine	Palmer	Cathy J. Hancox	Palmer
3	William J. Rister	Wilbraham	Madelyn M. Robinson	Palmer
3	John T. Spelko, Jr.	Palmer	Linda A. Davis	Palmer
3	Kenneth W. Staback	Palmer	Deborah M. Lasota	Palmer
10	David E. Berthiaume	Ware	Lillian R. Provost	Palmer
10	Joseph E. Bycenski	Palmer	Sandra L. Pittsinger	Chesterfield
16	Mark T. MacDougall	Palmer	Susan A. Misiaszek	Palmer

OCTOBER

1	James R. Deragon	Palmer	Susan R. Staples	Belchertown
1	Jose B. Goncalves	Ludlow	Barbara A. Pisarczyk	Palmer
1	John T. Moskal	Palmer	Iris N. Singleton	Palmer
1	Donald P. Peloquin, Jr.		Nancy J. Grieve	
		Southbridge		Palmer
1	Robert D. Trudeau	Springfield	Kathleen M. Hryniewicz	Palmer
2	Kent A. Stout		Michelle A. Graveline	
		Colorado Springs, Colorado		Colorado Springs, Colorado
8	James M. Ammann	Palmer	Mary Ann Noga	Palmer
8	John J. Janulewicz, Jr.	Palmer	Kathleen M. McDonald	Palmer
8	Thomas J. Tyburski		Pamela J. Mallard	
		Scarborough, Me.		Belchertown
9	James J. Girouard	Palmer	Maureen J. Murray	Worcester
9	Roger J. Williams	Brimfield	Marilyn MacDougall	Palmer
15	Thomas F. O'Brien	Westfield	Katherine A. McGrath	Palmer
16	Charles E. Strange	Palmer	N. Anita Russis	Palmer
22	James E. Baker	Monson	Teresa C. Hurley	Palmer
22	David P. Kelley	Palmer	Louise H. Mega	Palmer
22	Charles J. Kozlowski	Brimfield	Lucille L. Jannelle	Brimfield
22	Eugene J. Olearczyk	Palmer	Donna M. Isabelle	Chicopee
29	Wayne R. Dimetres	Palmer	Patricia A. Fay	Winchester
29	Roy R. Patrie	Palmer	Debra A. Hurlbut	Palmer

NOVEMBER

5	William Ammann, Jr.	Palmer	Mary A. Hartley	Springfield
10	Wayne R. Couse	Oneonta, N.Y.	Doreen E. Robertshaw	Palmer
11	David W. Brown	Palmer	Bonnie K. Cole	Palmer
19	Paul Sawicki	Palmer	Toni M. Cincotta	Monson
25	Leo F. Demorad, Jr.	Palmer	Darlene M. Martin	Springfield
26	John S. Champney	Palmer	Marisa M. Santos	Ludlow
26	Ronald A. Constantino	Monson	Linda J. Devine	Palmer
26	Maurice R. Forcier	Palmer	June T. Biskup	Palmer
26	Mark P. Gelinas	Monson	Susan C. Dupont	Monson
26	Mark W. Misiaszek	Palmer	Debra R. Wilks	Palmer
26	Edward S. Robak	Palmer	Donna L. Flaszynski	Hardwick
27	Albert L. Converse	Palmer	Ruth Brown	Palmer
30	Michael J. Hogan	Palmer	Susan P. McLean	Palmer

DECEMBER

2	Robert R. Kelley	Palmer	Judith M. Mack	Palmer
2	Paul M. Skowrya	Palmer	Carole L. Fortin	Palmer
3	Bruce L. Clark	East Longmeadow	Noreen H. Sullivan	Palmer
3	Michael A. Desjardins	Palmer	Robin L. Moore	Palmer
9	Michael W. Swain	Palmer	Margaret I. Rourke	Palmer
15	Clarence Meyer, Jr.	Keene, N.H.	Diane C. Kwasniewski	Palmer
17	Joseph F. Noone III	Palmer	Karen A. Kozlowski	Wales
30	Stephen D. Lamb	Palmer	Kimberly A. Turowsky	Sturbridge
31	Donald R. Morin	Warren	Brenda M. Harry	Warren
31	John C. O'Connor	Palmer	Jeanne F. Kráwczyk	Warren
31	Joseph D. Philibotte, Jr.	Palmer	Jane A. Carr	Palmer

DEATHS 1977

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
JANUARY				
1	Henry J. Cichon	59	5	14
2	Mary L. Josephson	85	10	16
3	Philip N. Allen	73	4	4
6	Johannes Jacobsen	76	10	5
7	Phyllis M. Duncan	74	10	3
8	Mary Skowrya	84	6	11
13	Gertrude C. Griffin	73	8	1
14	Boleslaw J. Gula	58	6	11
15	Stanley Lysik	69	10	28
16	Edward R. Styspeck	61	11	28
17	Susie E. Foskett	99	2	29
18	Louise M. Cieslak	64	----	----
18	Catherine D. Jorczak	67	10	18
26	Beatrice Isabelle	74	8	9
27	John H. Murray	70	2	12
28	Joseph B. Koziol	65	----	17
30	Kim J. Aisfeld	16	----	----
30	Edward E. Skowrya	59	7	16
30	Margaret E. Skowrya	49	6	----
31	Olive M. Adams	63	----	19
31	Charles Dominik	86	9	12
FEBRUARY				
6	Eugene R. Rainville	73	11	20
11	Felix J. Misiaszek	86	5	12
15	Stanley Topor	65	5	----
16	Mary Skowron	83	3	7
20	Stanley J. Gola	60	7	16
20	Esther L. Hodson	71	4	13
20	Marie I. Papineau	83	8	18
22	Vail W. Grant	67	5	3
24	Albert F. Lebida	57	8	13
25	Candace P. Crowther		57 minutes	
26	Kenneth A. Phillips, Jr.	15	----	6
26	Teofila Roszko	79	10	19
MARCH				
1	Frank Bishop	62	6	2
4	Ralph J. Hayes	62	1	----
12	Antolena Kwolek	78	7	16
12	John H. MacDonald	86	2	5
21	Betty L. Philibotte	45	5	3
21	Wanda C. Smola	60	8	18
27	Robert H. Payne	58	6	18
APRIL				
3	Alice Lorenz	37	----	12
4	William Goodreau	90	2	12
9	Laura LaBonte	70	9	29
13	Albert Olsen	61	8	12
14	Louis A. Rusek	65	4	28
16	Rae Abbate	83	9	8
16	Anthony Libera	81	10	1
16	Dorothy Nadolski	53	3	2
17	William E. Hurley	78	----	----
20	William C. Kulis	64	2	7
23	Peter M. Piechota	44	6	4
MAY				
5	Ronald E. Bernard	57	2	16
5	Rose E. Mack	81	6	18
10	Alvin F. Williams	41	7	3
12	Julia Klaus	92	6	12
16	Henrietta Szucki	78	1	26
20	Lena E. Langewald	89	6	29
21	Carl J. Peterson, Sr.	94	5	11

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
22	Walter E. Bowen, Jr.	57	8	2
22	Teofila Kostrzeba	90	9	21
23	Yvonne Smith	80	----	1
24	Louise B. Chouinard	79	8	5
24	Anna Gibouveau	68	4	15
25	Marion K. Stone	72	2	12
26	Albina Brouillette	81	7	21
26	Sophie Dansereau	63	11	2
28	Leon H. Woffenden	92	10	20
JUNE				
1	David W. Wood	51	5	2
8	Henry J. Les	60	11	----
9	Agnes L. Lane	67	3	12
10	Irene Montville	58	----	----
14	Inez M. Reynolds	73	8	22
14	Joseph Sullivan	70	8	13
17	Dennis L. Morin, Sr.	63	----	----
21	Philius Gibouveau	81	3	22
22	Joseph Sypek	81	9	13
30	George C. Smith	50	5	8
JULY				
2	Wesley I. Dickinson	59	11	17
3	Edna R. Christiansen	47	8	12
4	Jessie E. Soule	70	1	9
4	Alice West	78	8	8
5	George J. Moreschi	57	7	15
10	Oscar J. Baumann	73	9	----
11	Eldon L. Chambers	73	8	9
16	Herman C. Paine	82	----	----
18	Laura Olds	88	----	----
24	Sarah G. Tibbetts	89	----	20
29	Richard J. Leighton	16	4	25
AUGUST				
5	Robert B. Smith	17	6	1
8	Agnes Gondek	83	7	14
11	Antone Courant	75	2	6
11	Edward A. Kozlik	39	10	18
11	Michael F. Mega	73	10	13
13	Viola R. Zobka	70	2	10
14	Donald E. Constantino Jr.	19	----	3
15	Cornelius A. O'Connor, Jr.	23	4	1
18	Odna E. Kempton	79	7	21
20	Herman H. Winter	79	7	6
22	Joseph F. Zilewicz	73	----	14
23	Stanley Parda	82	8	27
24	John F. Walsh	70	3	16
25	Patrick F. Landers, Sr.	75	7	26
30	Andrew Kwasnik, Sr.	82	11	12
SEPTEMBER				
1	Lewis J. Austin	71	11	8
6	Eleanor M. Crocker	70	7	----
6	Mary C. Graham	64	1	18
8	Robert J. McLean, Jr.	66	1	7
9	Robert E. Gould	59	3	28
12	Edgar M. Shumway	74	7	----
16	Harold Stebbins	63	8	16
OCTOBER				
4	Esther F. O'Connor	77	10	12
8	Kathleen M. Quirk	84	4	10
8	Elizabeth L. Sullivan	70	7	16
15	Hazel F. Charles	72	6	----
15	Florida Cole	67	6	24
18	Earl J. Douty	88	1	9
28	Henry D. Snow	62	1	18

Date	Name	Years	Months	Days
NOVEMBER				
3	Wilfred D. Fitzpatrick	49	8	2
3	George E. Heck	94	7	28
4	Lillian M. Roberge	76	7	----
6	Mitchel S. Robak, Jr.	21	----	11
9	Evelyn J. Marusinski	62	8	23
9	Agnes Young	96	11	20
18	John F.T. Collins	65	8	11
19	Leopold J. Laviolette	64	4	13
22	Helen Smola	59	----	11
24	Lillian C. Nault	90	3	16
29	Merrill F. Nevue, Sr.	85	4	7
30	Romualdo E. Lena, sometimes known as Romeo E. Lenard	88	9	29
DECEMBER				
1	Victor M. French	73	8	3
5	Emily Magiera	64	6	12
5	Hector J. Paul	79	10	21
6	Newell W. Tirrell	69	1	20
8	Edna Gay	77	6	----
11	Mark S. Nicholas	24	11	3
14	Veronica Wazoha	64	9	22
16	Harold A. Chamberlin	76	2	----
19	Richard F. Bulkeley	49	8	20
22	Alcide Bengle	84	5	25
26	Birgit Webb	83	3	3
31	Mildred M. Barnes	59	1	20



June 1, 1948 - January 31, 1978

Henry S. Janasiewicz will retire on January 31, 1978 after 30 years of service to the Town of Palmer. "Hank" began as a patrolman in the Police Department on June 1, 1948 and served at that level until June 23, 1961 at which time he was appointed Sergeant. He served in that capacity until August 4, 1976 when he was then appointed Acting Chief of Police replacing William Holt who retired at that time.

Acting Chief Janasiewicz has served our town well, always exemplifying fair and honest judgment in performance of his duties.

The Board of Selectmen along with the citizens of Palmer offer heartfelt thanks for a job well done. We extend our warmest wishes to him for a long and healthy retirement.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

The annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1977 is hereby submitted.

A total of 768 complaints were issued against 484 defendants, 445 males and 39 females. 88 delinquent complaints were issued against 48 juveniles. 168 drunks were taken into protective custody.

In July two new 1977 Ford L.T.D. 4 door hardtop cruisers were put into use. They covered 307,297 miles on patrol. 220 accidents were investigated, 133 causing property damage and 85 involving injury to 120 persons. Two accidents resulted in deaths, one vehicle was a motorcycle.

\$3,004.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for Firearms Identification Cards, Pistol Permits and copies of accident reports sold to insurance companies.

Two of our police officers, Melvin Marcy and Howard Case have passed the test in C.P.R. (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). Both are also qualified as Medical Technicians. They may now operate ambulances and give First Aid at the scene of accidents.

89 persons charged with drunken driving attended the educational program held in the District Court Room. Four operators have chosen to take the Defensive Driving Course given by the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts. Referral to this course is strictly at the discretion of the Presiding Justice who may authorize enrollment in the course in lieu of entering a finding or taking other action.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board, all the police officers, clerks and dispatchers for the cooperation given me during my short stay as Chief.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry S. Janasiewicz,
Acting Chief of Police

LIST OF OFFENSES PROSECUTED IN PALMER IN 1977

Crimes Against Persons:

Assault and Battery	21	
Assault with dangerous weapon	6	
Robbery	1	
Threats and Intimidation	3	
Total.		31

Crimes Against Property:

Breaking and Entering and Larceny.	42
Forgery	1
Larceny and Attempt.	60
Malicious Mischief	25
Receiving Stolen Goods	3
Trespassing.	8
Using M.V. to Commit Crime.	1

Using M.V. Without Authority	15	
Total.		155
Crimes Against Public Order:		
Accosting.	2	
By Laws and Ordinances.	20	
(Public Drinking)		
Contributing to Delinquency	1	
Disorderly Conduct	14	
Disturbing the Peace	1	
Driving to Endanger.	31	
Driving Under Influence of Alcohol	89	
Firearms Law	1	
Fire Laws.	2	
Fish and Game Laws	7	
Fugitive.	3	
Illegitimacy	1	
Incest (Attempt to Commit)-.	1	
Lewdness.	2	
Liquor Laws.	5	
Motor Vehicle Laws.	366	
Narcotics and Drugs.	26	
Non-Support	5	
Possession Burglarious Tools	2	
Unnatural Act.	1	
Unstamped Cigarettes.	2	
Total.		582
Grand Total		768
Parking Tickets Issued:		189
Speeding Warnings on Radar:		473
Dispositions: Fined 258; Filed 32: House of Correction Suspended 10:		
Probation 326: Committed House of Correction 31: Bound Over to		
Grand Jury 7: Dismissed 96: Pending 8.		

REPORT OF PALMER AUXILIARY POLICE ASSOCIATION

As President of the Palmer Auxiliary Police Association, I wish to report that the unit has performed in a highly satisfactory manner for the year 1977. The Auxiliary members assisted the Palmer Police Department in various community functions, as well as police patrol duties in compliance with the mandates of the Police Department. We have added two new members to our roster. Robert Frydryk of Three Rivers and Michael Callahan of Palmer now brings our total membership to 13 officers.

I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Acting Chief Henry S. Janasiewicz and the members of the Palmer Police Department for their assistance and cooperation rendered to us in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond F. LaBonte, Sr.
President

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

This department responded to a total of 41 calls during the year:

16 for Forest Fires and brush in Palmer Fire District.

22 for Forest Fires and brush.

The Palmer Fire Department responded to 6 calls in the Township of Palmer not covered by other Fire Districts.

At this time I would like to thank all neighboring Chiefs and men of the other Fire Departments that helped us during the year.

I also wish to thank your Honorable Board and the Palmer Police Department for the cooperation and help received during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gus A. Theodore
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1977, I have traveled 5,918 miles regarding complaints in which 184 dogs were picked up. Of these 184 dogs picked up, 38 were released to owners, 84 were put to sleep by Dr. Harvey @ \$9.00/each, 12 put to sleep by the Dog Officer, 10 killed by automobiles, 8 stolen from Mr. Dumplin pens and 32 strays given away.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik, Jr.
Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS

Following is the Park Commissioners report for the twelve month fiscal year beginning July 1, 1977 and ending June 30, 1978.

Regular meetings of the Park Commission are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Administration Building.

Under Article 31 of the 1977 Town Warrant the Park Commissioners sought to have money appropriated to install lighting for the three tennis courts at Eager Playground, Precinct A. The article was not recommended by the Finance Committee and defeated at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 25, 1977.

During the fall of 1977 a 25' x 20' cement block addition was constructed to the existing building at Legion Field. Most of the material for the building was received thru the C.E.T.A. Program at no cost to the town and the building was by most part erected by Park Department Employees under the direction of Mr. Edward Libera, Head of the Industrial Arts Department at Palmer High School and Park Superintendent Mike Russo.

A new 37,000 diesel Kubota tractor for mowing was purchased as was an Ariens 8 H.P. 32" snow blower. Fifty Five aluminum planks were also purchased for the portable bleachers to replace the rotted wooden planks. Some playground equipment and parts were purchased to replace those damaged by vandalism.

The section of New Burleigh Park designated as Area Two off Smith Street, Lake Thompson was further developed by constructing a Mini Park in that area. More work will be accomplished as funds become available.

For the seventh consecutive year the Industrial Arts Department of Palmer High School conducted the annual Burleigh Park Project. This year fifty boys and girls under the guidance of Mr. Edward Libera, Mr. Dennis Swierad and Mr. Russell Webb, built a Mini Miniature Golf Course.

Each hole is black topped and outlined by oak timbers. A variety of shapes and hazards make each hole unique and challenging.

A small mall with benches and a sundial is centered overlooking the brook and the entire area is enclosed by a log fence. Several large trees and bushes were transplanted to offer shade and to provide a natural setting.

This was all made possible by the cooperation of Mr. Mike Russo and his crew, Highway Superintendent Oliver Beauregard and some of his men, and several local businesses which donated materials and equipment.

The town still lacks adequate recreation facilities. The Commissioners, with the help and cooperation of the Honorable Board of Selectmen and engineers from Tighe and Bond Consulting Firm applied for several projects to the Economic Development Administration under Title One of the Local Public Works Assistance Act.

The project applied for off Main Street, Three Rivers is for a lighted semi-enclosed combination hockey rink and basketball court. Two Pee-Wee fields, three regulation tennis courts, toilet, storage facilities and access parking facilities off Belanger Avenue.

Because of the amount of monies allotted for these projects by the Economic Development Administration, after a review of the bid prices by the Board of Selectmen, a decision was made to go ahead with construction within the limits of the grant monies.

This construction will be limited to site subgrading, loaming, seeding, construction of one Little League diamond, installation of the water system and construction of three tennis courts.

There was only one bid proposal submitted for the Three Rivers Recreational facility and because of the status of a bonafide minority business enterprise, the contract has not been signed pending approval of this contractor by the Economic Development Administration. Therefore, the E.D.A. has been asked for a thirty day extension of time to resolve this problem.

Heavy snows this past winter hampered the Park Department employees from keeping the five skating rinks as clear and free of snow as they would have liked to but regardless of the conditions, this past winter was one of the best in many years for sliding at Eager Playground and use of the skating rinks.

All other facilities of the department were extensively used and during the winter, playground equipment was repaired and painted.

We would like to thank Mr. John Dyl Director of the summer recreation program at New Burleigh Park and his staff for their cooperation with the Park Department. Excellent supervision of the children attending the program resulted in minimal maintenance costs.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to the children and adults for their cooperation and consideration while using the park facilities, to Oliver Beauregard, Highway Superintendent, William Ammann, Water Department Superintendent, and Fire Chief Gus Theodore for their assistance in helping to complete many of our park projects, to Police Chief Henry Janasiewicz, his officers and members of the Police Auxiliary for their vigilance of park property, to individuals of other Town Departments, to Park Superintendent Mike Russo and his staff and to The Honorable Board of Selectmen for their help and guidance whenever needed.

Respectfully submitted,

David Johnson, Chairman
James Duke, Secretary
William Cole
Robert DeMaio
Walter Pluta

REPORT OF THE PALMER RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Palmer Recreation Committee continued to sponsor the Summer Recreation Program at Burleigh Park. Again, this year's program showed an overall increase of over ten percent in attendance. Activities such as archery, softball, volleyball, pillow polo, arts and crafts, swimming, hiking, riflery, roller skating, and many other organized children's games and events were enjoyed by the youngsters enrolled in the program.

The highlight of the summer season was the inception of the Red Cross Swimming Program, conducted at Forest Lake, with a total enrollment of 155 children. Martha Laurion, a certified water safety instructor and physical education teacher, directed the program with the assistance of Paul Golas who holds his W.S.I. certification and Vicki Santos who was awarded her instructor aide certification during the course of the program. All children enrolled in the program were instructed in the basic methods of survival swimming and elementary rescue techniques. Future planning includes the addition of advanced courses if the demand warrants. It was greatly appreciated that Mr. Roland D'Amato, operator of Forest Lake Resort, allowed the swimming program the use of his facilities. His consideration contributed to making this program a huge success.

As in past years, we again wish to express our deepest gratitude to Mr. Michael Russo and his crew for the excellent cooperation they extended to our staff and the children of our community. Without their concern for the success of our program, many of our offerings would have been curtailed or even eliminated.

This years summer program began Monday June 27, 1977 and ended on Friday August 19, 1977. The park hours were from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

In closing we would like to express our appreciation to all the individuals who helped make our summer program a huge success. A particular word of thanks should be extended to Mr. John Dyl, Director of Recreation, to Mr. Wayne Cole, Assistant Director, and to all the staff who contributed to making our summer program such an outstanding success.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul P. Frydryk
Chairman

The Palmer Recreation Committee:

Marion Koslik, Secretary
Sandra Reep
Gerald Aliengena
Roland F. Benoit
James T. Duke
Charles H. Jasak
Walter J. Majka
Edwin J. Rehor

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

During the past year 54 trees of various species were planted throughout the town.

Eighteen trees were removed due to old age decay and Verticillium Wilt.

Dead wood trimming and raising of low limbs was done in needed sections of the town.

Strong winds during two storms were responsible for the loss of six trees and many broken limbs.

A serious problem exists with the Maple Trees. Many of these trees are infected with Verticillium Wilt, are slowly dying back and eventual removal and replacement must take place.

Respectfully submitted,

Oliver Beauregard
Tree Warden

REPORT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE

During the past year 62 diseased Elm Trees were removed in accordance with the sanitation recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources.

Every year research comes up with a chemical recommendation that could prove to a break-through of the Dutch Elm Disease, and every year the break-through proves to be a disappointment. Nothing to date has proven successful in checking the Elm Tree Disease.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Strzeminski
Superintendent
Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF INSECT PEST CONTROL

The Gypsy Moth, the perennial pest should not become a problem this coming year thanks to a natural ally, the cold winter of 1977. Gypsy Moth egg masses contain a certain amount of moisture and with the extreme cold weather of the past winter many of the exposed egg masses have burst therefore preventing their hatching into caterpillars.

A problem does exist with the Fall Web Worm often mistaken for the Gypsy Moth. The Fall Web Worm is a mid-summer worm that lingers into the fall forming webs particularly on Wild Cherry and other fruit trees. However, the worms and their webs are more unsightly than harmful to tree growth.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Strzeminski
Superintendent
Insect Pest Control

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Palmer Board of Health herewith submits this report for the calendar year ending December 31, 1977.

On the dates shown herewith, Immunization Clinics were held by the Board of Health in 1977 for the following communicable diseases:

MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	January 22
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	March 19
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	May 21
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	September 24
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	October 22
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	November 19
MMR - Poliomyelitis - DPT and DT	December 17

(MMR is Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
(DPT is Diptheria, Pertussis, Tetanus)
(DT is Diptheria, Tetanus)

Influenza for Elderly October 22

Cat Bites	4
Chicken Pox	11
Dog Bites	24
Gonorrhea	12
Measles	3
Salmonellosis	2
Streptococcal Sore Throat	29
Tuberculosis	1

Deaths reported during 1977:

	Male	Female	Total
0 to 10 years	0	0	0
10 to 20 years	4	1	5
20 to 30 years	3	0	3
30 to 40 years	1	1	2
40 to 50 years	4	2	6
50 to 60 years	8	4	12
60 to 70 years	15	5	20
70 to 80 years	12	16	28
80 to 90 years	10	7	17
90 to 100 years	3	4	7
	<u>60</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>100</u>

Receipts

Septic Tank	\$675.00
Disposal Works Installers	85.00
Plumbing	224.00
Bottling	40.00
Funeral Director	3.00
Mobile Trailer Park	10.00
Camp	20.00

Day Camp and Swimming Pool	10.00
Ice Cream	180.00
Mobile Food Server	5.00
One-Day Food	45.00
Motel	40.00
Inspection of Disposal System	10.00
Total	\$1,347.00

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice R. LePage, D.S.C.
Chairman
Donald H. Cavanaugh
Frederick J. Lis

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses issued for the year 1977:

11 Milk Vehicle Licenses.	@ 1.00	--	11.00
15 Oleomargarine Licenses.	@ 1.00	--	15.00
35 Milk Store Licenses	@ 1.00	--	35.00
Total			\$61.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frank J. Swiatlowski
Milk Inspector

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES TOWN OF PALMER, MASS. 1977

Scales and Balances	Adj.	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Over 10,000 lbs.	0	5	0	0
5,000 - 10,000 lbs.	2	3	0	0
100 - 5,000 lbs.	19	41	0	0
10 - 100 lbs.	16	38	1	0
10 lbs. or less	6	9	0	0
Totals	43	96	1	0
Weights				
Avoirdupois	0	80	0	0
Metric	0	87	0	0
Apothecary	0	58	0	0
Totals	0	225	0	0

Liquid Measuring Meters**Inlet One Inch or Less**

Gasoline	18	74	0	0
Oil, Grease	1	7	0	0

Inlet More than One Inch

Vehicle Tank	3	14	0	0
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Totals	<u>22</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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Fabric Measuring Devices	0	0	0	0
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Linear Measures - Yardsticks	0	0	0	0
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Trial Weighings and Measurements of Commodities Sold or Put Up for Sale:

Commodity	Tested	Correct	Under	Over
Bread	226	165	23	38
Butter	118	85	12	21
Charcoal	96	83	7	6
Confectionary	244	193	22	29
Provisions	468	372	34	62
Flour	99	79	6	14
Fruits & Vegetables	418	346	44	28
Meats	664	554	41	69
Potatoes	87	57	11	19
Milk	143	100	16	27
Totals	<u>2563</u>	<u>2034</u>	<u>216</u>	<u>313</u>

Inspections:

Unit Pricing	59
Cord Wood	12
Food Packages	1888
Charcoal	96
Milk Jars - Cartons	143
Marking Bread	226
Gasoline (other than sealing)	149
Fuel Oil Meters (other than sealing)	63
Scales	97
Peddler's License	3
Peddler's Junk Scale	1
Total	<u>2737</u>

Appropriation Balance January 1, 1977 \$1285.82

Expenditures January 1, - June 30, 1977 1200.97

Balance \$84.85

Appropriation July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978 \$2390.00

Expenditures July 1, 1977 - December 31, 1977 1076.38

Balance \$1313.62

Sealing Fees Collected \$702.50

Sealing Fees Paid to the Town Treasurer \$702.50

The foregoing comprises my report for the period ending December 31, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles H. Jasak
Sealer of Weights & Measures

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

All inspecting ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129, of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been compiled with, and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 144 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis S. Jacek
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

There have been 47 permits issued and I have made 132 inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Salamon
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities as Building Inspector:

Permits were approved, plans and specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for the following type new facilities:

- a. 35 Single Family Dwellings
- b. 20 Residential Garages-Carports
- c. 8 Non-Residential Buildings
- d. 4 Structures other than Buildings

Permits were approved, plans and specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for the following type additions, alterations or conversions:

- a. 25 Dwelling Units
- b. 10 Other buildings and structures.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Golas P.E.
Building Inspector

Following is a list of earnings for the calendar year 1977 for all other Town employees in the Town of Palmer, Mass.:

Anton, Harry J.	\$ 210.00
Bachand, Harold	9,434.10
Baird, James F.	3,228.78
Barone, Vincent F.	6,879.31
Bastek, Sophie	920.00
Beauregard, Danny O.	1,661.04
Beauregard, Oliver A.	16,121.28
Benedetti, Robert	191.10
Beynor, Dennis	36.00
Beynor, William	54.00
Bigda, Stanley J.	16,298.03
Boryczka, John S.	8,006.85
Brodeur, Raymond L.	37.05
Brodeur, Rita	920.00
Brown, John T.	5,469.36
Brozek, Irene T.	7,017.22
Bubon, Joseph S.	2,468.60
Casavant, Dennis	648.02
Case, Howard E.	15,065.17
Cavanaugh, Donald H.	685.94
Charwick, Frank	10,759.07
Christiansen, Gordon H.	1,573.39
Clark, Sidney	13,850.22
Cole, Martha	4,387.25
Cole, Wayne G.	1,322.76
Couture, Lynda A.	36.80
Couture, Robert R.	14,123.50
Couture, Winifred	1,005.00
Coyer, Leo	1,377.50
Davis, Sylvia R.	1,377.50
Dennis, Daniel J. Jr.	321.60
Diesi, Elizabeth A.	7,032.71
Dorsey, Wilfred A.	11,584.74
Doyle, John F.	1,418.14
Dranka, Stephen J.	8,807.53
Dranka, Thomas M.	10,702.43
Dubay, Theodore	8,941.95
Dyl, John J.	1,868.98
Ellithorpe, Clifford L.	14,097.89
Faulkner, Robert G.	1,611.00
Fogarty, Daniel V. Jr.	645.75
Frydryk, Charles R.	26.25
Galanski, Andrew M. Jr.	26.25
Gaudreau, Dennis R.	1,612.38
Gauthier, Patricia	170.00
Gill, Joseph S.	14,643.13
Gloster, Gloria J.	398.13
Goddu, Alice	4,152.05
Golas, Joseph	1,441.50
Golas, Paul W.	765.90
Gouvin, Arthur R.	5,967.75
Gouvin, Ronald	3,834.17

Griffin, Cathryn	716.60
Gray, Harold J.	1,721.17
Gula, Edwin	662.00
Guzik, Frederick J.	1,076.26
Haley, Thomas W.	107.63
Henrich, Mark W.	400.68
Holt, William E.	428.78
Jacek, Louis S.	807.18
Jalbert, Roger R.	13,680.70
Janasiewicz, Henry S.	17,960.43
Janulewicz, Daniel A.	14,119.28
Janulewicz, John.	160.80
Janulewicz, John J.	9,022.55
Janulewicz, John J. Jr.	599.32
Jasak, Charles H.	1,537.50
Jasak, Edward.	14,392.47
Jasak, Lawrence M.	1,645.49
Jusko, Edward	12,239.12
Kaczmarczyk, Richard P.	9,091.30
Kennedy, Robert S. Jr.	13,386.95
Kitch, William M.	107.20
Kivior, Doris.	46.55
Kopacz, Kevin E.	3,311.10
Kopacz, Peter E.	112.00
Krystofik, Edward.	9,310.84
Kusek, Nancy	472.40
Kusek, Norma.	920.00
Labombard, Frederick J.	10,905.14
Lachowski, Joseph F.	472.40
Lajzer, Christine P.	1,377.50
Laurion, Martha S.	624.00
Laviolette, Richard J.	224.07
Lech, Mark H.	472.40
Lech, Michael W.	583.40
Lee, Daniel B.	15,050.71
Leacock, John T.	538.13
Lemanski, William J.	1,573.39
Lemon, Ruth	162.50
LePage, Maurice R.	685.94
Les, Josephine E.	905.00
Lesniewski, Stephanie G.	7,035.60
Lis, Frederick	685.94
Lis, Marion P.	7,667.32
Lisiewicz, Stanley J.	10,040.51
Lockwood, Laurie	795.80
Lynch, James J. III	3,157.84
Lynch, M. Patricia	770.00
MacDougall, Matthew.	662.00
MacDougall, Susan A.	2,647.25
McAdam, Bruce	187.02
McAdam, Donald H.	32.50
McCarthy, William E.	13,742.07
McKee, Dean	2,268.42
McKee, Kendrick.	300.00
McLean, Diane J.	121.50
Malzenski, Mary	2,468.60

Marcy, Melvin L.	13,001.67
Marhelewicz, Geraldine E.	1,008.00
Martin, David F. Jr.	162.54
Matera, Alexander	430.50
Matera, Salome	7,347.76
Mattheiu, Michael F.	590.60
Mercier, Sidney R.	10,442.25
Motyka, Helena.	4,195.01
Murphy, Claire L.	1,365.00
Murphy, Florence	2,456.80
Murphy, Margaret A.	735.00
Nicewicz, Judy	3,052.27
Nikodem, Josephine.	1,444.60
Noble, Earl D.	1,695.40
Nowak, Thaddeus W.	9,569.28
Olejarz, Mary	225.00
Oliveira, Anthony	1,212.72
Olson, Harold L.	18,202.23
Ouhl, Helen	4,320.05
Packard, Lucille K.	427.50
Paugh, Kathleen A.	112.00
Pelski, Jeannette C.	2,073.68
Philibotte, J. Donald Jr.	158.00
Philibotte, J. Donald Sr.	504.00
Piechota, Anthony J.	200.67
Pietryka, Stanley J.	764.00
Pietryka, Walter A.	3,340.79
Pikul, Julia B.	2,075.45
Pobieglo, Felix	11,595.01
Raleigh, Walter D.	3,729.18
Raymond, Corinne E.	7,260.51
Reep, Sandra	997.50
Rich, James	5,543.20
Riel, Alice	1,836.26
Robak, Mildred.	2,468.60
Rogers, Thomas	112.00
Roman, Anthony	322.88
Rondeau, Alvin C.	508.45
Rooney, Frances M.	1,195.00
Roy, Roland J.	7,510.70
Russo, Carmen	83.16
Russo, Michael	12,818.82
StAmand, James L.	1,573.39
Salamon, Edward J.	10,229.48
Salamon, Henry F.	753.39
Santos, Vicki L.	112.00
Santucci, Leo J.	20,343.60 *
Sampson, Phillip L.	10,788.29
Seipel, Phyllis M.	6,919.24
Sekula, Barbara.	472.40
Sheehan, Susan	348.00
Sherman, Kenneth C.	6,272.64
Sibik, Bernice	4,320.05
Skowyra, Christine	262.50
Smola, Louis	9,890.46
Squires, Robert.	280.00

* Pension

Strzemienski, Stanley J.	7,880.50
Swain, Michael	565.20
Swiatlowski, Frank J.	215.25
Swiatlowski, Stanley J.	1,721.17
Teczar, Mary	4,320.05
Tenczar, Edward J.	1,908.00
Theodore, Gus	1,963.53
Thompson, Paul	300.00
Thompson, Sonia L.	1,490.50
Thompson, Thomas J.	472.40
Tippett, Louise J.	1,362.76
Trespas, Vivian	1,365.00
Tyburski, Jessie.	3,702.95
Walder, Lauria	2,468.60
Webb, William J. Jr.	96.00
Wielkiewicz, Anthony	8,915.38
Wojtowicz, Sophie.	2,468.60
Wright, Julia T.	684.33
Zebrowski, Joseph A.	17,240.95
Zelazo, Lawrence J.	7,854.68
Zerdecki, Stella H.	1,954.41

Following is a list of earnings for the calendar year 1977 for School Department employees in the Town of Palmer, Mass.:

Abar, Sylvia H.	\$12,358.62
Abbate, Charles F.	16,631.20
Adams, Thomas Jr.	5,289.58
Ammann, Mary Anne.	9,162.31
Amstutz, Judith	330.00
Anderson, Anne M.	22.00
Anderson, Dorothy C.	14,124.08
Anderson, Marie G.	3,404.32
Anton, David S.	12,366.62
Anton, Harry J.	824.90
Austin, Eileen.	374.00
Austin, M. Maureen	12,134.66
Avis, Mark	5,165.96
Backus, Margaret C.	4,309.32
Bak, John J.	8,534.94
Baldyga, Beverly A.	2,083.55
Ballou, Shirley	2,032.26
Barone, Vincent	18.00
Barrett, Henrietta H.	6,679.92
Batchelor, David R.	12,837.96
Bauer, Michael R.	13,228.66
Bauer, Nancy	480.50
Bekier, Gail Carol	10,885.56
Benoit, Marie	1,331.00
Benoit, Mark	22.00
Benoit, Ronald R.	220.00
Beynor, Peter S.	16,883.28
Biron, Roberta	3.45
Blake, Ann Marie.	12,103.02

Blazejowski, Michael P.	3,188.60
Bobrowski, Bernard R.	22.00
Bokun, Janet M.	199.00
Bosma, Jeannine	50.00
Bourbeau, Susan A.	10,722.56
Bowler, Michael Paul	8,733.62
Bowler, Michael Phillip	34.38
Boyd, Mary Ellen	7,146.72
Brigham, Jean	13,843.48
Brouillette, Brenda L.	199.00
Brouillette, Paul	333.35
Brouillette, Virginia A.	14,881.80
Brown, Judith	11,987.10
Brown, Marie	1,656.06
Brown, Mary	151.00
Brown, Susan C.	13,348.40
Bussell, David C.	13,251.62
Bussell, Susan	4,414.00
Butcher, Barbara	6,953.69
Butler, Louise M.	11,262.08
Byoreck, Barbara	15,960.08
Campbell, Scott F.	8,391.56
Camyre, Elizabeth	965.58
Carabetta, James R.	13,315.34
Carlson, Jacqueline	1,860.11
Carr, Susan Louise	10,955.06
Case, Christine	1,823.87
Chaffee, Mary	44.00
Chalue, Robert E.	616.00
Charwick, Deborah	5,629.74
Chrobak, Kevin	52.00
Chrzan, Eileen T.	14,617.76
Ciak, Cynthia J.	3,797.20
Clark, Ernest A.	8,156.22
Cole, Wayne	236.00
Cole, William	369.00
Converse, Paula	6,525.62
Cornwell, George E.	15,673.68
Couture, Winifred	270.94
Crimmins, Josephine	432.00
Curtis, Nancy A.	17,795.76
Dansereau, Josephine	851.34
Davenport, Dorothy	572.00
DeHayes, Roger	36,201.20
DeMaio, Christine	4,687.65
DeMascola, Charles J.	9,831.45
Dinuovo, Lorraine I.	10,567.28
Disley, John	8,381.30
Donawa, Edward	253.00
Donovan, Kathleen	528.00
Dougal, John A. Jr.	16,170.34
Dow, Roselyn	13,750.22
Dowd, Mary	75.00
Dranka, Linda L.	13,578.57
DuComb, Catherine	1,458.50
Dudek, Judith C.	7,533.52

Dudley, Ann.	5,001.57
Dulude, Leonard P.	11,023.54
Dunn, Thomas F.	15,383.22
Dupuis, William.	28.00
Edberg, Jeffery	264.00
Edberg, Joan	4,634.56
Edberg, Paul.	60.00
Falkouski, Karen	10,137.08
Fariss, Irene	319.00
Feller, Larry.	10,185.35
Feredjian, Berdjouhi	10,137.08
Ferry, Sandra J.	9,629.84
Flaherty, Beverly.	251.75
Fogarty, Mary A.. . . .	15,960.08
Foote, Faye M.	4,705.80
Foster, Judith A.	12,651.80
Fountain, Gill A.	675.30
Fountain, Janice	11,190.08
Gaby, Nora J.	11,435.04
Gadomski, Francine.	144.00
Gallagher, William F.	13,997.22
Garabedian, Ida.	83.77
Gengenbach, Diane G.	816.00
Gentry, Francine Ann	11,023.44
Gentry, Grover Jr.	72.00
Gilmartin, Francis T. Sr.	8,541.08
Ginalski, Carolyn J.	12,149.40
Glabicky, Michael W.	11,851.06
Godek, Frances A.	13,300.92
Goodwin, John J.	242.00
Gorski, Edward J.	16,070.34
Gouvin, Ronald A.	2,895.61
Gowen, Richard	8.00
Graham, Walter.	192.20
Gralenski, Joseph F.	15,383.22
Guerin, Donna M.	12,247.00
Gula, Edwin	3,969.34
Gurski, Theodore G.	12,149.40
Haggerty, Ellen M.	2,800.00
Halsall, Fay T.	1,974.30
Hawkins, David F.	12,380.20
Hawkins, Thomas B.	14,225.04
Hayes, Martin L.	1,788.32
Hebert, Rebecca S.	1,016.40
Heropoulos, Ann.	794.68
Hersh, Kenneth.	12,692.34
Hicks, Thelma D.	582.00
Hiersche, Judith L.	225.98
Higney, Suzanne	12,252.06
Hill, Harry C.	13,889.16
Holda, Frederick W.	16,647.28
Holland, Joseph D.	14,576.68
Hooton, Barbara L.	5,091.72
Janasiewicz, Robert R.	18,051.28
Janasiewicz, Rosalie.	48.00
Janulewicz, John Jr.	18.00

Jasak, Eleanor	5,030.29
Jerris, Carol A.	154.00
Johnson, Florence H.	658.50
Jurczyk, Theresa	14,711.68
Jusko, Patricia	1,849.84
Kahl, Alice M.	22.00
Kane, Maureen	44.00
Karczmarczyk, Anne M.	199.00
Kargol, Edward	3,100.80
Ketschek, Joseph F.	14,437.82
Keyes, Lillian D.	14,124.08
Kiel, Anne Marie	10,861.56
Kirwan, Carol	22.00
Klick, Isabella H.	120.00
Kontrath, Maureen A.	4,894.80
Kopecka, Teresa	1,788.32
Korzec, Alice	1,816.80
Korzec, Patricia A.	10,356.20
Kosmider, Stephen J.	4,111.51
Kozlik, Philip J.	737.15
Ksieniewicz, Karen C.	12,726.34
Kubiak, Antoinette	495.46
Kulis, Chester A.	16,329.08
Kulpa, Grace	4,027.84
Kuzmeski, Mary Ellen	10,885.46
Kwasniewski, Evelyn J.	13,340.10
Lachowski, Joseph.	16.00
Lachut, Janice	86.11
Landers, Diane	250.00
Lavallee, Wendy	176.00
Lavallie, Carole	2,031.42
Laviolette, Mary N.	2,401.20
Laviolette, Robert M.	3,100.80
Laviolette, Ronald J.	21,660.88
Lawrence, Sharon A.	13,009.38
LeBlanc, Mabel	14,124.08
LeClair, Henry J.	8,531.87
Leacock, Stephanie J.	1,776.39
Legault, Louise A.	13,769.28
Leman, Kathleen E.	2,980.32
Lemanski, Joanne	2,202.88
Lempart, Susan A.	6,611.36
Lempart, William J.	13,855.39
Libera, Edward R.	16,233.10
Livingstone, Teresa	9,233.54
Lopata, Rosemary	3,135.70
Loughman, Kathleen M.	66.00
Lovell, Janice	194.50
Lynch, David M.	17,128.20
Lynch, Mary P.	13,989.16
MacDonnell, Brendan J.	16,070.34
McAdam, Doris E.	1,811.02
McAllister, Robert W.	20,575.18
McLaren, James A. Jr.	1,386.70
McCleary, Joyce	120.00
McComb, Theresa L.	10,710.56

McConchie, Ruth	110.00
McElhiney, Paula	1,539.93
McFarland, Joan K.	66.00
McKee, Dean	652.80
McKee, Kendrick	9,558.51
McKee, Scott	96.58
McMahon, Jean E.	10,710.56
McManus, Mary M.	15,617.56
McQuaid, Barbara A.	14,436.82
McQueston, Marilyn Jean	10,710.56
Madison, Constance	4,890.05
Madison, Garrie A.	3,589.65
Magiera, Doris.	1,847.44
Mailman, Carolyn S.	12,651.80
Malzenski, Joseph Jr.	220.00
Manley, Roseleen	5,010.93
Manning, Ruth A.	1,386.32
Marciniec, Michael.	11,661.22
Marciniec, Peter M.	1,887.20
Marks, Valerie E.	154.00
Marsh, Patricia N.	154.00
Marsh, Richard	22.00
Mastalerz, Cecilia C.	1,832.24
Matera, Salome	2,400.00
Maynard, Marcia K.	287.00
Mega, Edward.	1,882.20
Metcalf, Neil T.	11,507.04
Michalski, Michael Jr.	286.00
Michonski, Edward	8,538.01
Miller, Emily Z.	246.00
Minns, Maureen.	435.20
Mohamed, Alice E.	9,030.45
Motyka, Helena.	175.00
Mozden, John P. Jr.	15,682.22
Mozden, Philip M.	11,739.92
Murray, Alphonse E. Jr.	20,296.20
Murray, Teresa	3,101.04
Muska, Ruth O.	16,271.78
Musselman, Ethel	14,063.68
Naglack, Helena M.	15,623.22
Nahabedian, Paul.	13,597.24
Nelligan, Patricia A.	300.00
Nelligan, William J.	26,781.64
Newman, Ricki E.	9,708.20
Nicholas, George	20,910.96
Nicholas, Robert	47.20
Niejadlik, Paul T.	11,652.08
Niemczura, Michael	616.00
Niemczura, Pauline	2,057.29
Nolte, William T.	16,070.34
Olearczyk, Lillian	1,189.48
Oliveira, Bernice M.	6,689.15
Oliveira, Lisa	199.00
O'Malley, Ruth C.	15,383.22
O'Neill, Mary P.	699.57
Oppedisano, Frank M.	14,594.22

O'Rourke, Michael S.	540.00
Orquiola, Albert	1,540.60
Orzechowski, Gail	5,237.58
Page, Anita.	900.00
Pasterczyk, Ronald H.	16,247.22
Patterson, Mary L.	15,085.82
Paydos, John B.	16,271.78
Perry, Lyn Allyson	198.00
Pelissier, Marcel R.	385.00
Pellissier, Muriel	12,837.96
Petrashewicz, Lillian	146.00
Petrie, William R.	44.00
Phaneuf, James R.	198.00
Pikul, Diane	96.75
Pincince, Sandra	14,160.08
Potts, Nancy.	44.00
Quesnel, Gerald F.	12,959.66
Rachmaciej, Joan H.	66.00
Rathbone, Bonny	6,777.72
Rehor, Ronald G.	472.00
Reil, Pauline C.	13,750.22
Reim, David O.	450.00
Reim, Francis, O.	14,785.66
Reynolds, Inez	180.00
Ricci, Lawrence	16,647.28
Riddle, John R.	14,436.82
Riel, Jay	23.00
Rinaldi, Ralph A.	16,966.22
Roach, Kathleen	12,278.04
Rogers, Donna	36.00
Rogowski, Dorothy A.	256.30
Rosen, Sandra L.	9,351.00
Roszkiewicz, Melissa M.	605.00
Rusiecki, Janice	1,077.00
Rusiecki, Mary E.	119.92
Russo, Carmen	35.40
Russo, Rita	1,895.22
StAmand, Bernice	4,007.37
StAmand, Ursula.	9,978.46
Sampson, George F.	2,384.32
Santucci, Joseph Jr.	755.20
Scharrett, William F.	8,389.19
Sieron, Linda	2,915.10
Simchak, Lou Ann.	44.00
Skowronek, Stanley.	24.00
Skowyra, Joyce.	343.00
Skowyra, William A.	12,483.64
Smith, Carol.	928.28
Smith, Doris.	11,190.08
Smith, Elgie	3,128.21
Smith, June D.	33.00
Smith, Patricia C.	15,383.22
Stabach, Dana L.	199.00
Starsiak, Mary Jane	13,205.34
Sterling, Frank	84.00
Stolar, Joanne.	12,344.60

Sullivan, Joyce M.	13,201.24
Sullivan, Laura	2,120.55
Swienton, Charlotte A.	12,651.80
Swierad, Dennie S.	12,156.06
Swist, Teresa A.	2,185.07
Swistak, Carol.	695.94
Sygiel, Claire A.	15,694.84
Szalkucki, Carol	143.00
Tassinari, Kaehleen	108.00
Taylor, Joan M.	14,124.08
Tenczar, Bernice	2,040.00
Thompson, James W.	13,752.04
Thurston, Edwin F.	11,704.08
Thurston, Judith M.	8,500.86
Timpson, Lewis G. M. III	561.00
Tyburski, Alphonse W.	9,338.32
Tyburski, George E.	242.00
Tyburski, Philip A.	53.10
Vaz, Lori A.	200.00
Veale, Anne M.	10,710.56
Walulak, David M.	352.00
Warner, Donna M.	10,098.62
Warrener, John	10,336.34
Wasick, Frank.	935.00
Webb, Russell	12,185.40
Welshimer, Holly M.	275.00
Wheeler, Sandra A.	2,918.64
Whitney, David E.	12,837.96
Whitney, Marie V.	4,502.08
Wiggenhauser, Margaret E.	14,701.10
Williams, Virginia S.	103.08
Willis, Martha	13,652.04
Wilson, Eleanor, D.	14,124.08
Wilson, Roberta R.	14,580.82
Witkoski, Oda B.	15,073.33
Wlodyka, Constance.	24.75
Woods, Harold R.A.	21,965.86
Wosik, Romuald J.	448.40
Wright, Ann V.	13,889.16
Yeames, Rebecca R.	11,503.34
Zajk, Cecilia	14,257.89
Zebrowski, Blanche	2,104.22

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

As we entered 1977, the Palmer Redevelopment Authority vowed to resolve it's lack of federal EDA funds. The decision was made to carefully evaluate the problems with EDA. The PRA reviewed all past problems carefully and determined to work out a solution.

Late in March a meeting was requested with George Karras, Director of Public Works, John Corrigan, Director, Atlantic Regional Office, Phila., Acting Secretary of Commerce, Congressman Boland and Senators Kennedy and Brooke. A complete study and summary along with a workable solution was mailed to them also.

The PRA was invited to a meeting on April 8th in Washington and PRA members Thomas W. Haley and John O'Brien flew down. The PRA Chairman Neil McDonald was confined to the hospital and could not attend. Officials of the DCA from Boston were also present at this meeting.

EDA officials aired their feelings as to why the funds remained frozen. PRA representatives listened, discussed their position, agreeing to some EDA points of criticism and disagreeing with others. Both sides came to a full understanding and with DCA officials serving as a coordinating agent, mutual decisions were reached. It was generally agreed that the Conflict of Interest charges against Mr. Schaeffer, J.B. Williams and Dr. Ronald Stinnett should first be resolved. However, if this case was delayed for any length of time, a sum up to \$125,000.00 would be advanced on an emergency basis to meet specific expenditures, subject to EDA approval.

In July, PRA Secretary Mary Krawiec testified in Superior Court in the Conflict of Interest case giving all background information for a fair and just trial. When the "Not Guilty" verdict was brought in, the PRA was pleased that all insinuations were cleared, thus exonerating the PRA from any wrong doings.

In January the PRA requested a transfer of \$3,000.00 for overdue daily expenses such as electricity, oil, etc. for the pumping stations at the Industrial Park. This was granted and a fiscal year budget of \$3,500.00 was approved at town meeting and is presently being utilized.

With the lack of funds, the PRA experienced severe difficulty in dealing with land damage suits. The court finally insisted that these land damage cases go to trial even if the PRA had to let them go by default. The Town of Palmer would then be liable for the court judgments. The PRA and Attorney Douglas Nichols met with the Selectmen to explain the above situation. Mr. Sheehan, professional land appraiser and Attorney Nichols were refusing to testify or defend any land damage cases unless funds were made available. The Selectmen agreed to extend up to \$35,000.00 to the PRA from town funds for this purpose.

On numerous occasions the PRA met with the Selectmen to obtain funds due the PRA from the \$114,000.00 still available under the Cooperation Agreement signed by the Town of Palmer. These requests were repeatedly denied even though in a letter dated May 16th, Town Counsel Baird stated, "I am of the opinion that the Town is obliged to extend the borrowing of an additional \$114,000.00 to be used for project cost". However, the Selectmen added the stipulation that the PRA was to return this advance when EDA funds were made available.

The first two land damage cases were tried in Superior Court with PRA Secretary Mary Krawiec doing a remarkable job testifying as a key witness. The PRA felt both court decisions on these cases were very unrealistic as judgment seemed to be based on how acreage value is today and not on raw acreage when acquired. These two cases along with back interest claims was costly to the PRA budgeted estimates.

Since then, the PRA along with Attorney Nichols have settled four cases out of court with three cases remaining which should be settled shortly.

The PRA paid the sum of \$27,000.00 to Town Treasurer for back taxes owed by Bondsville Realty from the land damage settlements. The Selectmen extended the sum of \$27,750.17 to the PRA for payment of land damage cases. They are now demanding the return of this sum immediately. The PRA fully intends to honor it's commitment to the Town from EDA funds but only after other overdue obligations are met.

Following the Conflict of Interest trial and decision, the PRA contacted George Karras in Washington and discussed the trial and the possible release of the balance of the grant. They were told that the project grant would move forward and the EDA Philadelphia office was instructed to process the necessary papers. During those next three weeks, much correspondence and phone calls took place between Washington, Philadelphia and Palmer. At that time, the PRA was under much media and community criticism because the promised money was not forthcoming. The lines of communication between the PRA and EDA officials were excellent, the processing of necessary papers was the hold-up. Mary Krawiec contacted our Project Manager, Mr. Carlo Garcia and was assured the papers were nearly completed and needed our Chairman Neil McDonald's signature for the final release. This was done and the papers were forwarded to Philadelphia. The check for \$458,738.00 was sent to Washington to be released through Congressman Boland's office to the PRA.

On September 20th, the PRA deposited this check in the bank. After the PRA books were audited and brought up-to-date, the PRA met to decide specific priorities as to disbursement of the EDA funds. These were set, as follows:

1. Installation of the Park railroad siding.
2. Settlement of land damage cases.
3. Settlement of outstanding past due accounts.
4. Negotiation and settlement of J. B. Williams obligations.
5. Repayment of the \$27,750.17 to the Town of Palmer.

Tibbetts Engineering were authorized to draw up the bid papers for the railroad siding. Bids were advertised and opened on November 26, 1977. Three bids were received and Contrac, Inc., Manchester, Vermont was sent a Letter of Intent as low bidder at \$160,980.00. Their bid was itemized as follows:

1. 4800 feet track — \$145,920.00
2. Bridge — 11,740.00
3. Grade Crossing — 1,720.00
4. Bumper — 1,600.00

This contract is presently being processed and when all conditions are met, will be approved by DCA and then signed by the PRA.

Past due accounts have been negotiated and settled with Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. in the amount of \$30,513.34. Other past due accounts settled amount to \$27,718.76 for a total of \$58,232.21. Land damage cases are still incomplete but to date amount to \$113,300.00 plus about \$18,292.07 interest.

The PRA has signed a contract with the Central Vermont Railroad for the installation of a switch and track footage for \$12,000.00 to begin as near March 1, 1978 as weather permits. The PRA will receive a \$20.00 per car refund on all carload shipments over proposed siding when industry in the Park uses this facility.

The income to the Town of Palmer from the Industrial Park totals \$638,388.51 which includes sale of land, interest, 4 DCA payments, J.B. Williams, and back taxes.

We, as members of the PRA, are pleased to submit this report to the community of Palmer. The year 1977 has been rewarding in that it enabled us to go forward toward our ultimate goal which is to see more jobs for our community, a broader tax base and increased opportunities.

Our 1978 goal is a cooperative effort by all involved to sell and promote industry for the Industrial Park. The atmosphere throughout the Commonwealth is one of optimism for increased industrial growth in western Massachusetts.

The PRA hopes this same type of enthusiasm and optimism will prevail within our own community so that the future of the Industrial Park will not only be welcomed but will become at long last -- a reality.

The Palmer Redevelopment Authority

Thomas W. Haley
Leonard J. Sabourin
Neil M. McDonald
John D. O'Brian
Mary Krawiec

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report for the year 1977.

The Commission has held ten regular meetings, usually on the third Monday of each month excepting July and August.

The Commission has held six hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act and after consideration, issued Orders of Conditions.

Members have attended educational conferences: the State Conservation Commissions Conferences at Holy Cross in March and at Brockton in

Members have attended educational conferences: the State Conservation Commissions Conferences at Holy Cross in March and at Brockton in October: a meeting in Barre in February to get information on the State Bottle Bill: a joint session of the Hampden Conservation District and the M.A.C.C. in October.

Present at our October 17th meeting was Miss Debora Dachos from the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission. She brought us literature and discussed Sec. No. 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the goal of which is to solve all water pollution problems by 1983. We helped her identify Palmer's water pollution problems. Jane Golas represents Palmer on this Commission.

The Conservation Commission feels a need to work more closely with the Selectmen, Planning Board, and the Board of Health to have a continuity of issuing Permits and "Orders of Conditions".

Membership has been renewed in the Hampden Association of Conservation Commissions and the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Johnson, Chairman
Jane E. Golas, Vice Chairman
Harry W. Johnson
Andrew Roman
Richard D. Stred
William M. Wadas
Margaret P. Ziegler, Secretary

REPORT OF HOUSING AUTHORITY

Palmer Housing Authority, whose building complex is situated on Fletcher Street in the Depot Village, is pleased to report another uneventful and successful year of operation.

The State Audit, made during the past year, shows the housing to be operating on a sound and economical fiscal program, meeting its expenses and responsibilities to the satisfaction of the State.

During the year five tenants have been lost through death, and the same number of new tenants have been added from our waiting list. Our tenants range in age from 65 to two who are in their 90s, but due to good health, are able to live alone.

Outside social services provide homemakers for those tenants who find themselves temporarily incapacitated due to illness.

Palmer Housing Authority is mindful of its responsibilities to keep up its buildings, and the grounds at Laurel Manor, and to provide comfortable and secure housing for its elderly tenants.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY
Myrtle F. Davis, Chairman
Rev. Guy M. Judkins, Vice Chairman
Aloysius J. Tyburski, Treasurer
William J. Lemanski, Asst. Treasurer
Richard E. Fontaine

REPORT OF THE PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The archaeological survey conducted within the area of the Waste Treatment Plant was the prominent matter concerning this Commission during the year.

An itinerary of volunteer assistants was coordinated to help in the digging and sifting of tremendous amounts of earth. This Commission wishes to thank all who volunteered their services to complete this program in the limited time allotted. Perhaps the most enthusiastic were the school children who donated their after school hours. There were several schools from outside the Town of Palmer that sent classes for observation of the diggings as an educational experience.

Mr. Garth Bawden, Project Archeologist from Harvard University, was most pleased with all the cooperation and the results which were obtained. A final report was received from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology as a permanent record of all the data received.

It is hoped that in the not too distant future, the artifacts collected will be returned to the Town of Palmer to be placed on display for all to see.

The historical properties within the Town of Palmer are still being catalogued and will prove to be informative to future historians.

Respectfully submitted,

Palmer Historical Commission
Reginald Gale, Chairman
Daniel Fogarty, Vice Chairman
Marion Lis, Historian
Margaret Donovan, Secretary
Doris Nahabedian, Treasurer
William Wadas
Stephen Lebida

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The year 1977 saw much activity in the way of permits issued by the Planning Board. The total of 318 permits were issued as follows:

Building Permits	47
Additions/Alterations	51
Swimming Pool	7
Tool Shed	6
Gravel Removal	7
Trailer Replacement	1
Meadowbrook Green (renewals)	176
Meadowbrook Green Units	12
Wastewater Treatment	
Pumping Stations	11

The total amount collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer was \$1,366.00.

Mrs. Doris Nahabedian and Mrs. Deborah Pelletier were elected to the Board at the Annual Town Elections. Mr. Robert Graveline and Mr. Joseph Slowick were appointed to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Mr. Aylmer Giroux and Mr. John Chopyk.

The Board is proceeding with Town Planning.

We would like to thank the various elected and appointed Boards and Committees for their cooperation. We would also like to thank the citizens of the Town for their continued cooperation for a progressive and successful planning future for our Town of Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Nahabedian, Chairman
Joseph Slowick, Vice Chairman
Daniel V. Fogarty, Clerk
E. Robert Graveline
Deborah C. Pelletier

REPORT OF CHAPTER 808 COMMITTEE

The 808 Committee which was appointed by the Selectmen upon the advice of the Town Counsel, has at this writing completed its' task and will hereafter submit its report to the Special Town Meeting of March 13, for approval by the Voters.

Our activities consisted of the following:

1. The Committee first held several local study sessions and then attended a seminar at South Hadley sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs and the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission. The purpose of these seminars was to acquaint the Committee with the necessity for bringing the various town By-Laws in compliance with those of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The objective of the changes is to improve the service rendered to the citizens of the town by public servants, in the areas of administering By-Laws of the Town and Commonwealth.

2. The Committee began its' activities by holding hearings and receiving input and advice from the following groups:

- A. Board of Selectmen.
- B. Board of Assessors.
- C. Planning Board.
- D. Board of Health.
- E. Conservation Commission.
- F. Growth Policy Committee.

This latter Committee earlier conducted public hearings which input has been utilized in our work.

3. The Committee studied the administrative procedures and activities of various towns in the Commonwealth, especially those with a character which resembles Palmer in relation to size of population, area, type of town government and other similar characteristics of the respective towns.

The second half of our work consisted of the following:

1. Meetings were held with representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs, who represent the State. Our text was submitted to them for review, approval and, to be certain that that contents of our submissions was in compliance with the new Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws.
2. Providing public information through the News Media, Legal Notices and posting announcements at the Town Administration Building for the information of the public.

3. Holding public Hearings before the Planning Board.
4. Presentation before the special town meeting for the purpose of explaining and having the adoption of the new procedures by the townspeople.
5. The transmittal to the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, via the Town Clerk, for the approval of the towns decision at this special town meeting of March 13, 1978.

In conclusion, we wish to report that the Committee thoroughly enjoyed this work since it was an opportunity to provide in a positive way, a means of serving our fellow citizens with a hope that the study will improve the general welfare of the citizens of Palmer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chapter 808 Committee
Robert Graveline, Chairman
Walter S. Topor, Esq.
Doris Nahabedian
Deborah Pelletier
David Johnson



December 1, 1963 - December 2, 1977

Edward Krystofik, Cemetery Superintendent, retired on December 2, 1977 after serving the Town on a full-time basis for the past 14 years.

Mr. Krystofik had the difficult task of maintaining all 4 town cemeteries along with keeping records of the 4 locations including individual cards on lots and maps of all areas and plots. All cemeteries under his supervision have been beautifully maintained and are a credit to the Town. Mr. Krystofik has been one of the hardest working departments heads in our Town and has always taken personal pride in his work. The Board of Selectmen along with all townspeople hope Mr. Krystofik's retirement years are many and we extend our profound appreciation to him for his dedicated service to our Town.

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Palmer Cemetery Commissioners hereby submit their annual report for 1977.

We would like to recognize the thirty years of service and dedication of George S. Gay on the Board of Cemetery Commissioners, both as a member and as its chairman. He was replaced in April 1977 by new member, Ernest G. Hiersche, Jr.

Regular meetings of the commissioners are held on the third Monday of the month with the exception of July and August at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Administration Building. There are four cemeteries whose care and upkeep is the responsibility of this department: - Oak Knoll; Four Corners; Palmer Center; and Old Three Rivers.

The commissioners are more and more concerned over theft and vandalism which is ever on the increase in our cemeteries. Vandalism is becoming a major concern because many times it is impossible to replace monuments or markers or fencing to their original condition.

Under Article 17 of the 1977 Town Warrant \$3,150. was transferred from the Sale of Lots Fund to enable the purchase of a 52" riding mower to replace old and obsolete equipment. This year we also purchased a new pickup truck and snowplow.

During the year this department has had the help of CETA workers and Neighborhood Youth Corps workers during the summer.

In December, Edward Krystofik retired after many years of conscientious service in the department.

We would like to thank the following for their help and cooperation when needed during the year: Michael Russo and the Park Department; Oliver Beauregard and the Highway Dept.; the Personnel Advisory Board; and the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter L. Chase, Chairman
Robert E. Geer
Ernest G. Hiersche, Jr.

Cemetery Commissioners by
Robert G. Faulkner, Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of License Commissioners issued the following licenses during the year of 1977:

All Alcoholic	<i>Annual</i>	<i>Seasonal</i>
Inn Holders	3	0
Retail Package	4	1
Clubs	5	1
Druggist.	4	0
Restaurants	11	2
 Malt Beverage & Wine		
Retail Package	4	0
Restaurants	2	0
Common Victuallers	50	0
I.D. Cards	7	

The Board also issued 24 one-day permits for the sale of Malt Beverages and Wines and one (1) General License for a Rooming House.

This Department turned over to the Town Treasurer the total sum of \$9,429.00 for the year 1977.

We were requested to attend two hearings in Boston this past year. With all our paper work and local expenses, the \$275.00 appropriated for our budget is not sufficient to carry out our duties. We were forced to request a transfer of money to our account this year to meet our expenditures. Looking back through old Town Reports of late 60's and early 70's, the appropriations were \$500.00 for the Licensing Board. Why this amount was reduced is not known, but with inflation rising each year, our present appropriation is not sufficient to carry out our duties.

Milton Misiaszek, Chairman
Bernard Lamery, Vice Chairman
Leon Wlodyka, Clerk

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The last ten or twelve years have brought about major inroads in library services for the Community of Palmer. Past and present officers, trustees, librarians, library staff, association members, elected and appointed officials, combined with the total cooperation of our townspeople have promoted a total transpiration from a sheer book lending institution to a total cultural and educational Resource Center for the town.

Certainly one single statistic is most prolific in describing the role the library has assumed in the community; circulation for 1967 - 59,496 -- circulation for 1977 - 101,220. This comparative statistic alone represents a 60% increase in circulation in ten years, but does not truly explain the full usage of the library as the many special services and programs are not included in it. During our presentations throughout the community for a new library, we indicated we had set a goal of 100,000 circulation after a full year in the new facility. We surpassed this goal and after only six months in our new facility.

As was indicated previously, a pure circulation statistic is not a true indication of the many services the library provides. The childrens' services, story hours, copying services, courses of study, meetings of civic organizations, film programs, micro-film services, workshops, a musical subscription series, pattern exchanges, art shows, concerts, arts and crafts programs, etc. are but some of the services and programs not reflected in a circulation statistic. All serve to meet the many and varied tastes of our townspeople and serve to bring in a myriad of people, many of whom would not be attracted to the library if it were not for its special programming. The enrollment for the Christmas Workshop alone was 110 participants. We are currently meeting needs that fifteen years ago a library such as Palmer's could not have even envisioned with its minimal facility.

Next to the actual incorporation of the library itself nearly 100 years ago, 1977 and the opening of our new library has to be the most significant and memorable event in the history of library services for the Town of Palmer. Certainly a great deal of notoriety has been given to the new library with Senators Brooke and Kennedy, Congressman Boland, Governor Dukakis and State Senator Wetmore all taking the time to make personal visits to it.

Due to our library, whole new horizons have opened and the library trustees, staff and association members are capitalizing upon it. Examples of this are:

1. Grants totaling \$10,000 have been applied for and received. A \$6,000 grant has been received for extended children's services; one for \$2,000 to aid the visually handicapped; and \$2,000 for improving our interlibrary loan services.

2. Programs to attempt to meet the many diversified interests and needs of our townspeople have been held, planned or are in the planning stages. Thus far in our new facilities, concerts have been held, tax workshop sponsored, arts and crafts programs, puppet workshops and film programs held for children. A subscription series is underway.

3. A much needed community room has been provided for civic organizations to meet and carry on their business. Groups such as the cub

scouts, Villagers choral group, golden agers and the hospital auxiliary are now meeting in the community room on a regular basis.

4. A total display area has now been provided for townspeople, schools, and organizations to exhibit their talents, collections, projects, etc. Displays from paper mache elephants to exquisite Madonnas from around the world have thus far made their appearance in the library.

In closing it can be easily said the new library and its subsequent services has been a rallying point for the community from the very inception of the idea. This was totally demonstrated by 1) nearly 1,000 people voting 8 to 1 to build, 2) \$25,000 being donated by organizations and individuals to provide the library with all its special needs, 3) thousands of people forming a human chain in "Operation Bookworm", 4) the fact that every town official and department provided total cooperation in this project and 5) and most significantly by the many thousands who are taking advantage of the new library and its services.

Acknowledgments

New facilities with all the best equipment in the world would be valueless if it did not have an effective organization. The Palmer Public Library is most fortunate to have an outstanding and dedicated staff, a totally involved Board of Trustees and a most supportive Association. To Mrs. Bentley, her staff, my fellow board members, the library association, elected officials, and most important of all to the people of Palmer, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Alphonse E. Murray, Jr.
President
Palmer Library Association

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Financial Report

July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

Receipts:

Balance, July 1, 1976.	\$8,387.58
Town Appropriation	56,788.00
State Aid	4,380.00
Trust Income	4,522.22
Fines.	2,080.90
Total.	\$76,158.70

Disbursements:

Salaries	42,238.81
Books	11,430.85
Periodicals and Newspapers	765.22

Cataloging Supplies	1,052.00	
Bookmobile	2,660.06	
Operations	13,678.76	
Equipment	2,671.69	
Audio-Visual	1,128.94	
Total		75,626.33
Balance		532.37
Total		76,158.70

Report of the Palmer Public Library BUILDING COMMITTEE

Sunday, June 19, 1977, little more than a year from the date the people of Palmer voted to convert a deserted A & P into a new public library, the facility was dedicated. The land and building had been purchased for \$105,000 and \$285,000 had been allocated for renovation and other related expenses.

The architect responsible for the project was Alfred P. Cassella, with R.W. Granger & Sons, general contractor. All major areas of construction were completed by April, well in advance of "Operation Bookworm." The move from old library to new was handled masterfully by the Palmer Jaycees, working with the aid of many other community organizations and a conscientious Library staff.

The furnishings and much of the special equipment of the new library were provided through the generous contributions of local citizens, businesses, and financial institutions.

The dedication - a memorable day for all involved - was highlighted by the participation of Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Congressman Edward P. Boland, State Senator Robert D. Wetmore, the Palmer Board of Selectmen and other local officials. Music was provided by the Palmer High School Band and a large gathering of townspeople attended the dedication and reception which followed.

The new library has proven to be an outstanding success among townspeople. Circulation has increased tremendously, activities have been considerably expanded and the Community Room is in use almost daily. Librarians and officials from many other areas have toured the facility, and the building has been cited as an outstanding example of what can be accomplished through the recycling and reclaiming of older structures.

As the year draws to a close the library project also enters its final phase. With adjustments to floor covering and landscaping by the contractor and the completion of painting, lighting, and shelving for storage facilities, work will be finished. As we near the conclusion of our part in this project we are pleased to report that the total cost is expected to be considerably below originally projected estimates, which should result in substantial savings to the town.

We conclude this report with the hope that the new Palmer Public Library will continue to be a source of pride, pleasure and enrichment for all of the people of our town. It has been a privilege to have been involved in this undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Haggerty
Chairman
Palmer Public Library
Building Committee

Gladys B. Duffy
Helen S. Duffy
Jeanette M. Graveline
Ann Heropoulos
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Patricia C. Smith

Rose C. Tyburski

**REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
1977**

To the Citizens of the Town of Palmer:

The process of writing job descriptions for the employees of the Town of Palmer continued during 1977.

After researching information concerning the responsibilities and specific duties required, as well as the salaries paid for the positions listed below, the descriptions were completed and submitted to the Selectmen.

Police Department

1. Chief of Police
2. Police Sergeant
3. Administrating Clerk
4. Records Clerk
5. Clerk/Dispatcher

Highway Department

1. Clerk/Dispatcher
2. Motor Mechanic
3. Laborer

Recreation Department

1. Summer Recreation Program Nurse
2. Life Guard

Tax Collector's Department

1. Junior Clerk

Park Department

1. Laborer/Special Motor Equipment Operator

Veterans' Services Department

1. Agent

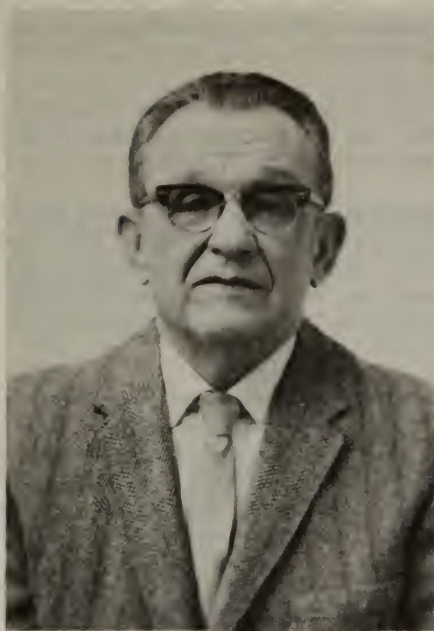
Cemetery Department

1. Cemetery Maintenance Working Foreman
2. Cemetery Maintenance Laborer

The Committee sincerely appreciates the assistance which Mr. Richard Hebert provided during his term as Committee Chairman. The Committee, too, is grateful for the courteous cooperation and the understanding of the employees of the Town as an effort is made to establish a much needed equitable salary schedule for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Dobek, Chairman
Mary A. Fogarty, Secretary
Winston G. Churchill
Richard C. Taylor



July 6, 1949 - January 31, 1978

Edward J. Salamon, Veteran's Agent for the Town of Palmer will retire on January 31, 1978 after serving the Town for the past 28 years. Mr. Salamon being the first Veteran's Agent appointed, had a two-fold challenge in 1949. He first had to establish a basic office procedure to meet the needs of the veteran and secondly had to literally train himself by conscientious study of all laws and materials involving the veteran's needs in order to better serve him.

This challenge was well met as evidenced by the fine service, dedication and efficiency with which he has conducted his office these many years.

We the Board of Selectmen, wish to extend to Mr. Salamon our sincere gratitude for a job well done and offer our warmest wishes to him for a long, healthy and happy retirement.

REPORT OF VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The veterans' population of the town has reached a total of 2,820 from all wars or the equivalent of 24% of the voting citizens eighteen years of age and over. According to recent Veterans Administration statistics, there are 29,753,000 living veterans in the United States and 24.2% of this total are 65 years of age or older.

Congress increased compensation and pension rates by 7% in 1977 and also approved another 6.6% increase effective January 1, 1978. Social Security benefits were also increased by 5.9% last June.

VA Home Mortgage Loans for servicemen entering upon active duty after January 1, 1977 was approved last year and will persevere a valuable benefit to our young veterans in a very tight home acquisition market.

Educational Allowances for veterans attending school under the G.I. Bill were increased by 6.6% effective October 1, 1977. Compensation rates for service connected disabled veterans were also approved and made effective on the same day. Approved also was an added feature whereby all VA benefits checks may be deposited directly with all banking institutions at the request of the payee.

A new education plan for servicemen and women entering service after January 1, 1977 was enacted and became law. Under this plan, servicemen at their option will contribute \$50 or \$75 per month, for at least 12 months and the VA will double this amount for the future use as an educational fund when discharged and enrolled in an approved school. The regular G.I. Education bill will expire on December 31, 1989.

Undesirable Discharges have been abolished as of June 1977 and will be replaced by "Discharge Under Other Than Honorable Conditions."

The number of discharged veterans in the past year decreased to 19 and death claimed 20 of our veterans during this period. With the assistance of this office 23 claims for compensation or pension were filed with the VA and 17 claims were awarded a total of \$20,614.40 in federal benefits to these recipients. Six claims were denied and five are presently in process of adjudication.

Our records indicate 905 personal contacts and 853 telephone calls relating to various matters of interest and concern to the veterans and their dependents. A listing of the more frequent and direct services rendered were as follows:

924 Photostats	29 Loans
230 Veterans' Aid	23 Pensions & Compensation
118 Letters & Forms	19 Discharges Recorded
97 Referrals to others	12 Hospital
46 Education	12 Taxes & Exemptions
41 Insurance	2 Bonus Applications
40 Burial Benefits	288 Miscellaneous

Under provisions of Chapter 115 of the G.L., Mass., as amended, 55 cases involving 142 persons were granted financial assistance.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Appropriation for fiscal 1977		\$60,815.00
State Reimbursements Received	\$19,785.70	
Recoveries and Liens	900.00	
Refunds.	474.51	
Town's share of cost	20,682.57	
Unexpended balance	<u>18,972.22</u>	
		60,815.00

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Salamon
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Palmer Council on Aging has now completed its third year of existence since being incorporated as a department of the town government in September of 1974. The council has made significant progress in being able to perform its functions toward the purposes it was set up for. These are to identify the total needs of the community's elderly population, to educate the community and enlist support and participation of all citizens about these needs, to design, promote, or implement services to fill these needs, or to coordinate existing services.

The council has been able to do this through the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the town Finance Committee, local organizations and the many residents and volunteers who recognize the importance of what we are trying to accomplish.

With a senior population (59 and over) of close to 2200, which represents about 20% of the total town population, our small drop-in center soon became too small. When the Palmer Library quarters in Memorial Hall became available the council was permitted to move there on June 20, 1977.

On March 30, 1977 we were successful in obtaining a CETA director for the center to work full time with the senior citizens. He has been responsible for setting up various programs for health, nutrition, home-maker, rent and fuel assistance, transportation, tax assistance and employment, as well as recreational programs. His job has been to search out grants to enable the town of Palmer to receive state and federal funding to finance the largest share of the cost to finalize these programs.

During the year of 1977 we have received \$1,000.00 from the Department of Elder Affairs (DEA) under the State Demonstration Grant Program to purchase office equipment. We have had a federal grant of \$9,000.00 approved to renovate and make our new home accessible to the handicapped. We have finally been awarded a new senior van equipped with a hydraulic lift. The cost of this vehicle is \$13,500.00 which will be 80% funded by the Federal Government with the remaining 20% already collected through private donations and senior center activities.

We had the services of a Palmer resident who volunteered for five Sundays during March and April 1977, to help a number of our senior citizens to make out their federal and state tax returns. During the summer school recess we worked with the neighborhood youth program, sponsored by the Community and Regional Opportunity Agency (CROP). Two Palmer High School students were employed at the senior center doing secretarial work for the council.

The Pathfinder High School Senior Citizens Lunch Program was funded to serve meals during school vacation in 1977. With no transportation available for Palmer seniors, the council set up a transportation program with the Monson State Hospital. Two buses were made available to enable those who wished, to attend the summer meals. During the summer, two bus trips were organized by the council. The first was a charter with 49 seniors attending a picnic at Whalon Park, Lunenburg, Mass., sponsored by the Mass. Association of Older Americans. In August, two chartered buses with 96 seniors went to the annual State Councils on Aging outing at Salisbury Beach, sponsored by the Salisbury Council on Aging. A picnic

was held under the direction of the council at Burleigh Park. Eighty-five seniors attended this event last August.

With the assistance of the Board of Health and Wing Memorial Hospital, a flu clinic was held at the Palmer High School during October. The council assisted the Palmer Lions Club on two of their programs to help senior citizens. A hot home-delivered meal to handicapped on the Club's anniversary, October 8, 1977 and a Thanksgiving Day meal to those who were to be alone. Dinners were delivered to those that couldn't get out.

The council started putting together a Newsletter and mailing it to the homes of all our senior citizens in November of 1977. Communications being very hard to maintain between our four villages, we hope that this will be a way of keeping all of our senior citizens informed of the various programs that are available to them. Each one of them will know that the Palmer Senior Center is the one place in town where they can receive information and be referred to the proper places for assistance with any problems they may have. Hopefully the Newsletter will continue to be a monthly report to them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Herbert Salter, Chairman
Andre A. Corbin, 1st Vice Chairman
Richard J. Santucci, 2nd Vice Chairman
Genevieve G. Janosz, Secretary
Rev. James E. Diemand, Treasurer
Isabel Ditto
Elizabeth Kolbusz
Joseph Malzenski
Kenneth C. Roberge
Nathan J. Sheldon
Rose Tyburski

REPORT OF THE PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT - 1977

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee, under the chairmanship of David A. Staples of Belchertown, is pleased to present the following report to the citizens of the four town district of Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree, and Palmer covering the 1977 calendar year. Other members of the committee during this period included Vice-Chairman Floyd Romanik, Jr. and Treasurer Michael Cavanaugh from Palmer, Secretary Marceline B. Matrow of Monson, and Russell O. Dean of New Braintree.

Curriculum and Enrollments

Pathfinder now offers eleven vocational programs: agribusiness, automotive repair, carpentry, clothing, cosmetology, culinary arts, drafting, electricity, electronics, health services, and machine shop. Ten programs are presently fully approved by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the newly instituted program in electronics - which is operated jointly with and housed in the South Hadley Public Schools - is expected to receive formal approval during the present academic year. In addition, the school operates a satellite culinary arts facility in South Hadley in cooperation with the Hampshire Educational Collaborative.

Work experience continues to highlight the Pathfinder curriculum. Students in every shop area have the opportunity to put their skills into practice through town projects, learning experiences on projects done for citizens of the district, public and civic functions and ceremonies, and in local business, industry and health care facilities. During the past year the carpentry and electrical students completed their first house building project in Palmer and have begun a second in what will become an annual undertaking. In addition, a program of cooperative education - alternating periods of paid employment and schooling - was begun and presently includes ten students. This program is expected to expand as more students become eligible and find jobs and a director is employed.

An activity unique among vocational schools in Massachusetts was the development and operation of a maple sugaring operation by students in agribusiness. Through the very kind cooperation of a local family, the students were able to gain access to necessary facilities and equipment and through this experience not only added to their knowledge and skills in the field of New England agriculture, but were exposed to the elements of small business and entrepreneurship as well.

In response to the requirements of Chapter 622 which deals with non-discrimination in school programs and activities, Pathfinder appointed a coordinator to oversee compliance with the regulations and to conduct an extensive review of admissions criteria, textbooks and curriculum, activities, and other policies. Working with acting Director of Guidance Angela L. Bergeron, the school committee developed and submitted a comprehensive plan for implementing the Chapter 622 regulations in our admissions policy and in our planning process for the next few years. Pathfinder's program was among the first compliance plans in the Commonwealth for a vocational school to be approved by the Department of Education. Title

IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has also come into being on the federal level and Pathfinder completed a self-evaluation using those regulations as well.

Pathfinder's entire curriculum will come under the scrutiny of the Department of Education's comprehensive review process this year, and the school has been selected as a pilot site for the development of a thorough evaluation process for vocational programs, special needs, compliance with equal educational opportunity, and student records. To facilitate this process - which is critical to the future of the school - the faculty has begun a self-initiated study of these areas in preparation for the review teams' visit in May. This self-study is under the direction of Dr. John F. Nevins of Westfield State College and is utilizing materials developed for this purpose by the Colorado Department of Education. Success in this evaluation will be a necessary prerequisite to continued financial support by the Commonwealth under the provisions of legislation which gives preferential funding to vocational programs.

Another critical activity in the upcoming evaluation process is the development and refinement of curriculum and courses of study. All teachers - vocational and academic - have been busy analyzing what presently exists in their respective departments and attempting to update, fill in gaps, and add material where necessary.

Pathfinder's evening adult education program was reconstituted as a result of the community interest survey conducted during the spring of 1977. The administration surveyed comparable programs in schools throughout the state and benefited from this exchange of information. In addition, data from the interest survey were analyzed to determine courses most relevant to the Pathfinder district.

The survey reflected a great interest in the evening practical arts type courses which meet one night per week. As a result, the school committee approved the offering of 15 such courses as follows:

Cake Decorating	Blueprint Reading
Creative Stitchery	Basic Accounting
Home Appliance Repair	Basic Electricity for the Home
Houseplants	Dressmaking
Macrame	Oil Burner Repair
Slipcovers and Draperies	Slimnastics
Typing	Small Engine Repair
	Woodworking

The number of evening trade preparatory offerings was reduced to three: automotive repair, culinary arts, and machine shop. The high school equivalency program was retained.

A review of attendance figures reveals a significantly improved level of interest from the 565 persons enrolled in the fall term.

Enrollment data as of October 1, 1977 included, by town: Belchertown 63; Monson 123; New Braintree 16; and Palmer 201. By vocational area, the students' selections are as follows:

Shop	Grade 9	Grade 11	Grade 10	Grade 12	Grade PG	Total
Agribusiness	16	11	13	12	0	52
Automotive	15	13	10	12	0	50
Carpentry	16	13	15	11	0	55
Clothing	7	7	10	6	0	30
Cosmetology	0	12	0	6	1	19
Culinary Arts	12	11	14	10	0	47
Drafting	13	4	6	11	0	34
Electricity	17	17	8	10	0	52
Health	5	4	8	4	0	21
Machine Shop	16	9	13	14	0	52
Electronics	0	0	5	4	0	9
Total	117	101	102	100	1	421

Faculty and Staff

The professional teaching staff at Pathfinder included 43 persons at the beginning of the 1977-78 school year. No additional positions were added, although seven teachers were new to the staff. The guidance staff was increased by an additional one-half time counselor whose duties included admissions, career awareness programs in cooperation with sending schools, and specialized counseling services. The administration staff remained unchanged and included the superintendent-director and assistant, administrative assistant, director of guidance, and coordinator of special needs.

Of particular note is the fact that all professional staff members at the school continue to be approved in their positions by the Department of Education's Division of Occupational Education.

Pupil Services and Special Needs

During the 1976-77 school year, a pilot effort in career awareness was initiated in one of the district schools - Belchertown High School. Pathfinder counselors conducted classes at the local high school, discussing career opportunities in general and the vocational offerings at Pathfinder in particular. Regular visits to Pathfinder by groups of students featured tours, activities in the shops, a slide presentation about life at the school, and luncheon. This particular effort was initiated in order to make more information about Pathfinder readily available to the students in Belchertown, and because of the success of the program, it will be expanded to include the other schools in the district. Teachers from Belchertown High School were also involved in an in-service workshop at Pathfinder in realization of the necessity to have their assistance in advising students of career related issues.

Ninety-two students were graduated in June, 1977. Forty-seven percent were placed directly in the field for which they were trained; twenty percent in a related field of work situation. Twelve percent enrolled in programs of higher education, four percent in the military, and seventeen percent in other pursuits. These data were collected in June immediately after graduation, and an update of these figures will be made in the winter.

The first senior to be enrolled in the accelerated placement program at Springfield Technical Community College graduated from Pathfinder and

completed the first year program in electronics at the college. Simultaneously, a second student has enrolled in the same program during the present school year. Other placements included Johnson and Wales College and the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, both highly regarded in their respective fields.

In the area of special needs, Pathfinder provided programs for twenty-eight students, including eleven new freshmen who were admitted in September, 1977.

Among new services offered was the addition of a diagnostic prescriptive teacher in the shop areas to work with both students and teachers in special learning situations during the school day.

During the year, staff from Pathfinder participated in a variety of in-service programs aimed at sensitizing instructors to the vocational and social needs of the handicapped. A college credit course was developed in conjunction with Westfield State College entitled "Occupational Programs for Students with Special Needs". The course, held at Pathfinder in the late afternoon, was attended by 24 academic and vocational instructors.

During the spring semester, six vocational instructors were selected to participate in an intensive fifteen credit program designed to train vocational personnel to work more effectively with youngsters with a variety of special needs. Additionally, a summer workshop was developed by the Pathfinder administration and attended by eighteen instructors. For three weeks, an intensive effort toward curriculum development and program modification for the special needs learner was held.

The highly successful Project GROW was funded again for \$165,000 and provided a program for students from Belchertown State School and Monson State Hospital as well as six youngsters from Pathfinder's own district. This program continues to be exemplary in nature for vocational schools around the country and was honored at the National Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children in Atlanta in April, 1977.

Fiscal Affairs

Pathfinder's approved operating and maintenance budget for Fiscal Year 1978 was \$1,090,500.00, a sum which did not include negotiated raises for the 1977-78 school year or \$15,000 in various supplies and materials purchased out of overhead monies from federal programs. The school committee was able to apply \$120,000 in surplus revenue to reduce this amount. In addition, the following reimbursements were anticipated: Chapter 74 - \$322,756; Transportation - \$52,480; Chapter 71B (Special Needs) - \$16,650. Overhead monies from the role of fiscal agent for a number of externally funded projects accounted for a further reduction of \$20,000.00

The net operating and maintenance budget was therefore \$531,886 which, along with evening school costs of \$24,850 and a capital budget of \$132,491, accounted for the following assessments to the member towns: Belchertown \$119,312.65; Monson \$195,931.84; New Braintree \$28,134.84; and Palmer \$372,515.67.

These figures do not include the regional school aid which to date during FY 1978 has amounted to a total of \$136,520.00. The school committee will use this amount to further reduce the town assessments, and this factor will be reflected in the third and fourth quarterly payments as in previous years.

Unfortunately, however, the school committee must anticipate significant reductions in these reimbursements in the immediate future. For example, during FY 1978, the Chapter 74 return is expected to be only 71% of entitlement, transportation 60%, and special needs 60%. Furthermore, the degree of uncertainty accompanying the manner in which the present legislative efforts toward school finance reform will impact regional vocational school district does not allow for either optimism or pessimism.

Pathfinder continued to benefit from externally funded and government sponsored programs. As noted above, the Department of Education contracted with Pathfinder to maintain Project GROW for \$165,000. In addition, the school district continued to act as fiscal agent for over one million dollars in federal and state monies for various projects sponsored by the Department of Education around the state. For the first time ever, Pathfinder pursued some \$8500 in ESEA Title I monies to enable us to expand tutorial and support services to disadvantaged students. An award of \$750 went toward the improvement of library resources, and a new grant of \$17,000 will cover the costs of the cooperative education program for calendar year 1978.

For residents of Hampden County, Pathfinder received a grant of \$61,000 to provide on-the-job training in school related positions for eligible adults. This award was made possible through the CETA, Title VI, STEPS Program. Effective utilization was made of the state surplus property program and the Defense Industrial Reserve Equipment Loan Program to procure occasional pieces of equipment to supplement our shop programs. And finally, the two year effort to computerize the inventory control was completed.

Community Relations

Two meetings were held with advisory committees during the year, and the number of representatives from local business and industry to serve in that capacity rose to 138. Highlighting the more striking relationships with the local business group was the generous donation of a 1977 Datsun automobile for training purposes - complete with manuals and equipment - by Jerry Rome Datsun in Holyoke, and the presentation of a solar energy demonstration unit and panels by Massachusetts Electric Company.

The popular lunch program for the senior citizens was maintained and expanded to include an eight week summer component. So successful has this activity been that attendance frequently reaches 175.

Parents and townspeople also responded to the Scholarship Whist Party held in the spring and to the elaborate awards night program which attracted 800 guests.

Future Plans

During the spring of 1977, the school committee contracted for a professionally done survey of employment trends and opportunities in the greater Springfield area and the Pathfinder region in particular. Based upon the results of this survey, the committee verified the need for the vocational programs presently being offered as well as the potential of perhaps four or five additional programs. At the same time, the committee has been sensitive to the State Board of Education priority of providing access to occupational education programs for students and towns who are now without them.

To address both of these concerns simultaneously, the committee has identified certain objectives for the next few years which will increase the choices available to students in the district as well as possibly offering vocational programs to additional towns. During the summer and fall, all towns previously in the Pathfinder region were encouraged to appoint planning committees to study the issue of how best to deliver occupational education services to those towns specifically.

At the present time the towns of Ware, Warren, West Brookfield, North Brookfield, Hardwick, and Oakham have authorized the appointment of these committees, and several meetings have been held at Pathfinder to explore the options which might be available. Expansion of the Pathfinder district may be one possibility, but the direction chosen by the planning committee will not be finalized for some time year. It is important to emphasize, however, that the overall goal of making more choices available to students living in the four present Pathfinder towns is utmost in the committee's thinking at this point. These plans are strongly supported by personnel from the State Department of Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh
Floyd D. Romanik, Jr.,
Representatives
Town of Palmer
Gerald L. Paist
Superintendent-Director

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1977 - 1978

Robert W. Dranka, Chairman
Lawrence M. Jasak, Vice Chairman
Joseph J. Malzenski, Secretary

Robert W. Dranka	Term expires 1978
Margaret A. O'Brien	Term expires 1978
Lawrence M. Jasak	Term expires 1979
Robert S. Dupuis	Term expires 1980
Joseph J. Malzenski	Term expires 1980

Regular meetings of the School Committee are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each month.

All bills must be in the hands of the Superintendent by the Monday before the above-mentioned day.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

BUDGET COMPARISON

	1978-1979	1977-1978	<i>Increase or Decrease</i>
Administration	\$ 73,472.00	\$ 73,472.00	\$ — — —
Instruction	2,475,117.03	2,409,702.76	+65,414.27
Other School Services	217,920.80	198,328.00	+19,592.80
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	244,964.00	238,516.00	+6,448.00
Fixed Charges	103,203.24	99,212.00	+3,991.24
Community Services	500.00	500.00	— — —
Acquisition of Equipment	15,628.94	17,654.40	-2,025.46
Replacement of Equipment	12,669.85	12,975.34	-305.49
Adult Evening School Expenses	8,700.00	8,700.00	— — —
Tuition	82,432.00	55,300.00	+27,132.00
Repairs	53,233.00	45,216.50	+8,016.50
Federal Matching Funds	6,000.00	6,000.00	— — —
Surplus Property	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>— — —</u>
	\$3,294,340.86	\$3,166,077.00	\$128,263.86

Special Needs Programs Included in Above Amounts

Instructional Services	\$216,465.50
Health	1,936.00
Pupil Transportation Services	48,802.10
Acquisition of Equipment	1,836.00
Program With Others	82,432.00
	\$351,471.60

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Since negotiations are being carried on at this time, no raises are reflected in this budget.
2. The Palmer School Committee and the Subcommittee on Schools of the Finance Committee are presently studying the budget, but no final adoption by the School Committee has yet resulted.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

To the School Committee of the Town of Palmer:

It is a pleasure to submit this, my fourth annual report as Superintendent of the Palmer Public Schools. This report will use the format introduced three years ago, for we continue to organize our efforts at improvement through focusing upon specific annual objectives for the entire system. These were initially developed by the Superintendent and then revised after review by the Administrative Council, all members of the staff, and the School Committee before final adoption. For the most part this section of the annual report will reflect our progress to date in implementing the objectives rather than final outcomes.

Curriculum and Instruction

1. Continue to review and revise on a K - 12 basis the following curricula: art, career education, English, health, music, physics, social studies, mathematics, and physical education.

A one-person physics committee and K-12 curriculum committees in art, career education, English, health, and music have continued their work from last year, while additional K-12 committees have been formally organized this year in social studies, mathematics, and physical education. A small staff group interested in social studies did begin work last year, but not as a formally organized committee. All committees are utilizing the following outline: Rationale; Concepts; General Objectives; Specific Objectives; Learning Opportunities; Bibliography of Materials, Both Print and Nonprint; and Means of Evaluation. It is expected that most of those committees fully operative through all of our curriculum workshops last year as well as this year will either fully complete or nearly complete their K-12 curriculum guides by the end of this school year.

Review and revision, where needed, of programs and courses at the high school are being carried out by each department in preparation for the evaluation in 1979 by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc. Partly as a result of this review the Business Department proposed a new course in Distributive Education. Following the Superintendent's recommendation, the School Committee approved this offering for 1978-79. A new course developed in conjunction with the work/study program was also approved. This will provide inschool and work experience in some of the health professions. A third change in program saw the replacement of Music Appreciation by American Pop Music.

The Superintendent is pleased with the involvement of so many staff members in the curriculum workshops -- and even more pleased with their high quality productivity.

2. Assess degree to which reading is being taught in each subject area at the high school, and provide an inservice program for staff if needed.

The Director of Special Education and Compensatory Services has developed an assessment survey which will be completed by high school staff sometime in January to help determine to what degree this Objective is presently being met and what, if any, inservice program may be required.

3. Expand and evaluate the cooperative work/study program begun during the school year 1976-77 (part of the Title IV-C project developed by the Superintendent and funded for \$41,300 for 1977-78).

A series of specific objectives for the work/study program were developed late last year and modified at the beginning of this year. To date the program has expanded to almost double the number of students last year, and the number of job sites has been expanded to 11 from an average of approximately 7 last year.

4. Review, revise, and add materials as needed for our Eighth Grade Career Exploration Program, a second segment of the Title IV-C grant noted above; and evaluate the program.

The Eighth Grade Career Exploration Program has been improved this year with the acquisition of additional materials provided through our Title IV-C project monies. We have also included some specific evaluation measures which, with 40 percent of the program completed, indicate some excellent results in expanding the awareness of these students as to career possibilities in a number of fields.

5. Initiate, develop, and evaluate our Career Information and Guidance Center, the third segment of the Title IV-C grant noted above.

Specific objectives for this segment of the Title IV-C grant have been developed, and a Career Information and Guidance Center was established at the high school. The Superintendent is pleased to note that the vast majority of students at the high school as well as most of our seventh graders have been given a formal orientation session in the Career Information and Guidance Center.

Certain evaluative measures have been devised with the help of our evaluator, Dr. Sinclair, and preliminary results are very positive. We have also added a good many materials and some equipment through the project budget. Other major audiovisual equipment will be purchased shortly.

The Superintendent is pleased with the efforts of Miss Anderson to date in involving high school staff and members of the community in a number of activities in the Center. This Career Information and Guidance Center is making a major contribution to our overall development of a K-12 career education program.

6. Continue our Academically Talented Program for selected students in grade 5-7, and evaluate its effectiveness.

This program got off to a delayed start because of our inability to find a properly qualified individual to direct it. However, the Superintendent now feels that we have a good start with the selection of Mrs. Jeannine Bosma. Following our overall projected cycling of program, emphasis this year is focusing upon the mathematics and science areas compared to last year's language arts and creative arts areas. Regardless of the emphasis in any given year, the process follows a project approach and emphasizes reasoning and creativity.

7. Continue to review, revise, and add to our Special Education program as required by Chapter 766.

Special Education staff this year has been augmented by the employment of a speech therapist working at both the high school and pre-school levels.

A number of procedural improvements this year include a teachers' information handbook distributed to all staff and a log sheet to expedite the core process.

A Title VI project was developed and approved for this year and involves children from preschool to grade 3. In addition a new pre-school language and socialization program involving children from age 3 to 6 years has been instituted at the Thorndike Street Elementary School.

The Superintendent wishes to commend the efforts of our Director of Special Education, Miss Curtis, for advances made.

8. Continue to assess achievement test results at all levels, and suggest revisions in methodology and/or curricula where needed.

Achievement test results at grade 3 continue to show extremely high performance compared to national norms, with our children in the top 10 percent. Iowa Test results at grades 5 and 7 overall are also well above the national average, although down from the grade 3 results. The Superintendent and Administrative Council are in the process of analyzing the grade 5 and grade 7 test data at the present time.

Supervision

Implement and evaluate the revised supervisory program and procedures for teachers.

Almost biweekly since the beginning of this school year the Superintendent has been meeting with a group of representatives from the Palmer Teachers Association in an effort to finalize a revised supervisory program and evaluative procedures for teachers. Some good progress has been made.

Administration

1. Consider a revised job description for department heads.

The Superintendent has met with the high school administrators and departments heads to consider a revised job description for the latter. As noted in his memorandum to staff concerned, this description, slightly modified, is one which department heads had generally approved after a series of three meetings two years ago. One of the objections at that time was that such a job description should entail some increased money for the position. It was partly on this premise that the School Committee agreed to the increased funding for department heads effective this school year. No decision has been reached.

2. Update and review with administration and School Committee our enrollment projections for the next ten years, assessing space and staff needs accordingly.

The Superintendent and Administrative Council have reviewed the updated ten-year enrollment projections and have assessed space and staff needs in the light of these projections. It appears that some further staff reductions can be made next year without negatively affecting our programs. It should be stressed that one of the space needs still not being met is that of some addition to the industrial arts area -- as recommended by the last evaluating committee of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

3. Continue to review and implement as space permits school reorganization as recommended in the progress report of Objectives for 1974-75 - - i.e. K-5, 6-8, 9-12 - - and evaluate the effectiveness of the grade 8 program and students results, comparing the two eighth grades at the elementary schools and those remaining in the high school for 1977-78.

Until all final data are in sometime in May, 1978, no complete evaluation comparing the two eighth grades at the elementary schools and those remaining at the high school for this school year can be made.

4. Continue to review the advisability of requiring evidence of some mastery of basic skills as a condition for graduation from high school, a study initiated during the school year 1976-77.

The High School Principal and Director of Guidance Services have been involved in meetings and the evaluation of certain materials forwarded to them by the Superintendent concerning this Objective. In their progress report to the Superintendent they deem it inadvisable to formulate a definitive set of basic skills and the level of mastery required for graduation from Palmer High School until the State Department of Education, which is studying the same topic, announces for public debate its tentative conclusions. The Superintendent feels that we **should** develop a position on this matter so that we can make **our** views known to the State Department of Education. The School Committee has agreed.

5. Consider the possibility of initiating a rotating schedule at the high school for 1978-79.

A number of rotating schedules were reviewed by the Superintendent and School Committee, and the School Committee decided not to introduce a rotating schedule at the high school for 1978-79.

6. Assess the value of our present inschool suspension program in relation to its deterrent force, its cost in terms of teachers, its use of classroom space, etc.

The High School Principal reports that to date the number of students involved in suspension and the number of days in which the suspension room has to be used does not support utilizing full-time staff seven periods a day, 5 days a week for this purpose. This shows definite improvement and raises the possibility of operating the inschool suspension room for either two or three days a week. This would decrease the amount of staff coverage required and would also free classroom space.

7. Continue to review with administration and School Committee ways and means by which to obtain the most return for each of our educational dollars, including continued efforts to conserve energy, increased bidding where desirable, etc.

Major efforts to conserve energy are continuing this year as follows:

A. Sixty-two (62) new windows and storm windows have been installed in the Bondsville Elementary School. Also installed were non-electric thermostats in each of the radiators.

B. Storm windows have been added to the office areas in the Thorn-dike Street Elementary School, and a number of other windows have been covered on the inside by rigid plastic sheets, thus providing insulation at a reduced cost.

C. Energy conservation became part of our educational programming at the elementary schools.

D. Energy committees were set up for each of our school buildings consisting of the administrator, a teacher, a custodian, and our Director of Maintenance and Operations. A mini-audit similar to one taken a few years ago was made in each of our schools, and priorities have been set to overcome the problems noted.

E. A piece of equipment designed to provide more efficient burning of oil has been attached to the burner at Park Street Elementary School by Vapromid, Inc. This firm has guaranteed in writing a minimum saving of 10 percent in fuel consumption annually. The Park Street installation will be used as a pilot program and will be evaluated at the end of this year to determine whether similar additional installations should be made in our other schools.

F. As shower heads are replaced at the high school, we are utilizing those providing a reduced flow of water.

A strict accounting of vandalism costs initiated by the Superintendent three years ago, plus heightened concern by staff and students as a result of the work of the Student Attitudes Committee last year, appear to be making progress in reducing costs. A newly organized student patrol is also helpful. As for last year, we are setting aside \$3,000.00 from our Repairs account to be used to offset any vandalism which we can reasonably ascribe to our students. Any savings from this \$3,000 account will then be used to improve the overall high school environment. Last year a stereo and sound system was selected by the students and approved by administration and the School Committee for installation in the cafeteria as a result of reduced student vandalism.

The Superintendent and other administrators continue to emphasize the need to conserve on office supplies and other materials. We also continue to expand our bidding practices and to write tight specifications so as to insure the best buys for our money.

Community-School Relations

1. Review ways to improve community-school relations, especially relative to improving the flow of information concerning programs and activities of the schools.

Among the community programs highlighted so far this year were the elementary and high school Christmas Concerts, both of which were well done, although the latter was sparsely attended. Other community programs included those for Veterans' Day and American Education Week. Veterans' Day was celebrated in all of our schools in a variety of ways, varying from readings, discussions, plays, and films to outside flagraising ceremonies. American Education Week was observed from November 13 through 19. During this period the Palmer elementary schools developed a series of inschool exhibits with examples from almost every curriculum area. A number of community displays also high-lighted American Education Week. The elementary schools held their traditional Open House during this period, and the Superintendent is pleased to report an upsurge in attendance for a total of 2,114 visitors, an increase of over 300 from last year. Palmer High School's Back-to-School Night for parents held a few weeks later also found an increase over last year with a total attendance of approximately 400.

Press releases concerning programs and school activities are a regular part of our information to the community. Examples include releases on Veteran's Day and American Education Week, three reports on our new Title IV-C Project M.O.R.E., one on Distributive Education, and at least two on regulations dealing with nondiscrimination. In addition to such press releases concerning districtwide programs, reports are also developed highlighting certain individual school activities. One issue of **School Times**, the Palmer Public Schools newsletters, has been printed and distributed to parents through the elementary schools as well as having been placed in three different locations where newspapers are sold. Newsletters from the elementary schools to parents provide further helpful information.

2. Consider an expansion of the use of volunteers and resource personnel in the schools.

Our attempts to enlist more volunteers in the schools on a regular basis have met with limited success. However, we have been able to expand our use of community and other personnel as resource people for one or more appearances in the schools. A good example of this was the use of both business representatives and college representatives during our Business Careers Week held in the Career Information and Guidance Center at the high school.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

A Safety Committee has been established for the Palmer Public Schools comprised of Robert McAllister, Assistant Principal of Palmer High School; and Elementary Principals Dr. Ronald Laviolette, Alphonse Murray, and George Nicholas. The responsibilities of the Safety Committee include inservicing staff and analyzing where and how the most frequent accidents occur. Following this analysis, the Safety Committee will list high accident areas and safety procedures needed. They will also work with staff to reduce accidents not only in such locations but accidents in general.

A Title IX/Chapter 622 Committee was established this past year. Its purpose is to establish policy for all areas of these laws and to insure that compliance is occurring within the Palmer Public Schools. These two laws deal specifically with discriminatory practices. A special workshop was held for approximately fifty staff members who formed subcommittees to complete a self-evaluation of all aspects of these laws as applied to Palmer.

This past November the Palmer Public Schools established a policy relative to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. In accepting and following this law the Palmer Public Schools have indicated that handicapped persons will not be excluded from programs or discriminated against solely because of their handicap.

Palmer High School

Since the last annual report, the Palmer High School administrative team and teaching staff have focused on measures that have been designed to improve discipline and respect for school property at the high school.

Last year saw a reduction in vandalism, and it is hoped that this year will be at least as good.

Miss Mary Fogarty of the high school teaching staff contributed many

hours working with students to create a Student Council Constitution and to organize a student patrol which has assisted the high school administration and faculty to improve student behavior.

The Palmer High School principal, guidance director, and senior advisors spend much time working closely with members of the senior class to insure that seniors are doing satisfactory academic work and can satisfy graduation requirements.

The 1977 senior class at Palmer High School had the unique distinction of graduating all of its members last June.

Last May Mr. Harold Woods, Principal of Palmer High School, appointed a Steering Committee for Palmer High School's upcoming evaluation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Members of the Steering Committee are: James Carabetta, Chairman; Donna Guerin; Thomas Hawkins; David Lynch; Joseph Malzenski; Mary McManus; Russell Webb; and Harold Woods, ex-officio.

Elementary Schools

A grade 8 pilot program is currently in effect for the 1977-78 school year. For the first time in many years two eighth grades are back in the elementary schools. Fifty-four youngsters representing six schools were selected by random sampling to be in the program. The purpose of the program is to compare the total progress of grade 8 students in the elementary school with those at the secondary level based on: academic progress, disciplinary referrals, numbers of suspensions, attendance, social attitudes, parent reaction, and staff reaction.

The Superintendent would like to take this opportunity to commend those many dedicated staff members who have contributed their time and talents beyond the normal day in furthering our efforts to improve our schools and our programs and to work with individual students. The Superintendent is also pleased to note the contributions of Mrs. Matera, Cafeteria Manager, and Mr. McKee, Director of Maintenance and Operations. They have a keen interest in their respective jobs and a dedication to accomplishing them, whatever the time required. Similarly the Superintendent's office staff- -Miss Witkoski, Miss Mohamed, and Mrs. Oliveira- -are devoted and skilled in accomplishing multitudinous tasks, some of which necessitate extra time to meet deadlines. Without their help the Superintendent would find his job impossible.

Thanks are also due the Administrative Council, which is composed of the Director of Special Education and Compensatory Services, the High School Principal and Assistant Principal, and the three elementary principals. Their combined expertise, experience, and support are invaluable assets to the Superintendent and to the school system.

Although this progress report on our Objectives and the highlights noted above are but a summary of actions taken and activities pursued, it should be evident that the Palmer Public Schools are focusing upon and moving purposefully toward goals which will result in improvement - something which all institutions must do if they are to continue to thrive and even survive.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Nelligan, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This board acted on seven petitions for variances during the course of the year 1977. Four variances were granted and three declined.

Income generated by this board was \$245. with expenses of \$166.49.

Board of Appeals

Joseph Topor, Jr.	Chairman
Joseph Marhelewicz	Vice Chairman
Mitchell Dobek	Clerk
Gordon Dean	
Dr. William Riley	
Floyd Romanik	

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Following is our report for the Assessment Year January 1, 1977 through December 31, 1977 and the subsequent Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 1978.

EXPENDITURES AND ASSESSMENTS

Local Expenditures:	
Appropriations	\$5,667,080.06
Amount Necessary to Satisfy	
Final Court Judgments	20,782.40
Overlay Deficits of Prior Years	
(1964,1965,1967,1969,1974,1975)	5,320.40
Total Offsets	23,940.13
Chap. 44 Sec. 17A--Debt Service	8,377.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional	
Planning Commission	<u>1,401.60</u>
Total Local Expenditures	\$5,726,901.59
Assessments:	
State Assessments	53,177.25
County Assessments	378,918.63
Prior Year Underestimates	<u>7,962.51</u>
Total State & County Assessments	\$ 440,058.39
Overlay	<u>139,612.59</u>
Gross Amount To Be Raised	\$6,306,572.57

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Total Estimated Receipts From	
The State	\$1,235,267.31
Prior Year Overestimates	3,162.00
Local Estimated Receipts	495,950.00
Available Funds	<u>377,409.60</u>
Total Estimated Receipts and	
Available Funds	<u>\$2,111,788.91</u>
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$4,194,783.66

TAX RATE RECAPITULATION

Real Property Valuations	\$109,835,265.00	
Personal Property Valuations	<u>8,327,655.00</u>	
Total Property Valuations	<u>\$118,162,920.00</u>	
TAX RATE \$35.50 Per M		
Real Property Tax	\$ 3,899,151.91	
Personal Property Tax	<u>295,631.75</u>	
Total Taxes Levied On Property		\$4,194,783.66

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold J. Gray
Stanley J. Swiatlowski
Anthony Oliveira
Board of Assessors

JURY LIST

PRECINCT A

Benedetti, Iris	Mullen, Kenneth H.
Breton, Barbara S.	Murphy, Carol M.
Brown, William T.	Nadolski, Thaddeus J.
Carlson, Carl G.	Nahabedian, Doris S.
Christiansen, Irene T.	O'Malley, Vincent W.
Cole, Suzanne M.	O'Neill, Jean A.
Coulter, Walter E.	Pappas, Helen A.
Crimmins, Stephen F.	Peritz, Stanley R., Jr.
Dean, Gordon R.	Peterson, Rose S.
Dearden, William A.	Phaneuf, Evelyn M.
Ditto, Arthur W., Jr.	Plattner, Barbara J.
Erikson, Walter H.C.	Reep, Sandra L.
Fauteux, Alan P.	Ritchie, Olive E.
Felton, Lyman W.	Robinson, Frank J.
Hebert, Raymond J.	Rooney, Elizabeth W.
Hogan, James F.	Rourke, Laurette P.
Hood, Kathleen L.	Santucci, Leopold
Jenkins, Helen R.	Schultz, Thomas A.
Kelley, Daniel P.	Smith, Charles Sr.
Kulpa, Stanley E.	Smith, Norma J.
Lamb, Robert J.	Stone, Beth M.
Lundquist, Harold A.	Stred, Barbara A.
Mancuso, Helen	Swist, John S.
Mariani, Irene J.	Thompson, Lorraine C.
Matrow, Christopher W.	Thompson, Sonia L.
McDonald, Shirley	Trombly, Mary A.
McLaughlin, Irene	Uguccione, Evelyn
McLaughlin, William A.	Valley, Kathleen M.
McMahon, Jean E.	Webb, Barry J.
Molleur, Geraldine	Zajac, Robert

PRECINCT B

Chamberland, Raymond A.
 Dojka, Frank
 Ferry, William D.
 Fijal, David F.
 Holbrook, Stuart L.
 Jasak, Lawrence M.
 Jasak, Mildred T.
 Kszepka, Richard A.
 Matera, David C.
 McClosky, Theodore F.
 Murphy, Michael J.

Nagle, Mary E.
 Passy, Charlotte
 Passy, Joseph H.
 Pietryka, Francis J.
 Purda, Anthony A.
 Robak, Ralph J.
 Russis, Norma M.
 Sydla, Barbara J.
 Vogt, Jack A.
 Wilk, Sharon
 Zebrowski, Marlene J.

PRECINCT C

Ammann, Nora G.
 Anderson, Elmer
 Authier, Lorraine M.
 Bisnette, Alfred W.
 Blinn, Mary E.
 Bolduc, Paul A., Sr.
 Bourgault, Alfred C.
 Burke, Ronald J.
 Cambo, Ann M.
 Cava, Angelo A.
 Clough, Willard H.
 Coache, Phyllis B.
 Codderre, Arthur O.
 Corsi, Lorraine E.
 Czech, Doris T.
 Dominik, Joseph C.
 Dougal, John A.
 Droz, Julia A.
 Edberg, Paul N.
 Eurkus, John R.
 Foskit, Christine F.
 Gilbert, William L., Jr.
 Gondek, Irene H.

Grzywna, Helen B.
 Janosz, Genevieve G.
 Kowalik, Waldemar J.
 Kozik, Walter P.
 LaRose, Annette L.
 McLaughlin, Edward R.
 Mercier, Louis J., Jr.
 Michaud, Clarence J.
 Misiaszek, Phyllis
 Morrison, Elizabeth L.
 Oliveira, Diane
 Pelski, Raymond E.
 Pietrowski, Joseph P.
 Ramsay, Patricia E.
 Roman, Paul L.
 Sammon, Kathleen M.
 Skaza, Felix A.
 Smola, Dorothy G.
 Stokosa, Joseph
 Topor, Peter J., Jr.
 Wlodyka, Constance T.
 Wojtowicz, Joseph J.
 Wright, Eugene S.

PRECINCT D

Bowler, Michael P.
 Bycenski, Stanley J.
 Coto, Leroy B.
 Courchesne, Joseph L.
 Eurkus, Joseph W.
 Freeman, Edgar W.
 Jacobs, Christina M.

Koziol, William M.
 Lewicki, Frank
 Mozden, John P.
 Pollack, Valeria A.
 Roman, Frank M.
 Saletnik, Paul P.
 Skowronek, Barney G.

REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
Fiscal Year July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

Taxes (Prior Years)		
Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$8,492.96	
Abatements	<u>8,492.96</u>	
Outstanding June 30, 1977		--0--

Account of 1970

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$5,784.19	
Abatements	<u>1,508.71</u>	
Outstanding June 30, 1977		\$4,275.48

Account of 1971

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$5,279.93	
Adjustment for Prior Years		
Abatements	928.03	
Interest	<u>73.25</u>	
		\$6,281.21
Paid Treasurer	497.25	
Abatements	<u>1,297.28</u>	
		<u>1,794.53</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		\$4,486.68

Account of 1972

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$15,947.99	
Interest	<u>214.98</u>	
		\$16,162.97
Paid Treasurer	864.42	
Abatements	<u>2,595.20</u>	
		<u>3,459.62</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		\$12,703.35

Account of 1973

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$20,703.91	
Interest	<u>279.60</u>	
		\$20,983.51
Paid Treasurer	1,437.02	
Abatements	6,956.26	
Added to Tax Title	<u>96.50</u>	
		<u>8,489.78</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		\$12,493.73

Account of 1974

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$12,652.93	
Adjustment for Prior Year		
Abatements	1,719.81	
Additional Assessor's Warrants		
to be Collected	49.50	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes		
abated after payment	13.75	
Interest	<u>593.86</u>	
		\$15,029.85
Paid Treasurer	6,025.14	
Abatements	<u>806.52</u>	

Added to Tax Title	<u>1,997.09</u>	<u>8,828.75</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		<u>\$6,201.10</u>

Account of 1975

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$78,992.53	
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be Collected	16,829.02	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	367.86	
Interest	<u>1,911.36</u>	
		\$98,100.77
Paid Treasurer	38,912.43	
Abatements	2,844.17	
Added to Tax Title	<u>45,207.59</u>	
		<u>86,964.19</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		<u>\$11,136.58</u>

Account of 1976

Outstanding July 1, 1976	\$341,112.06	
Additional Assessor's Warrants to be Collected	135,664.32	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	4,208.70	
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	549.31	
Interest	<u>6,197.79</u>	
		\$487,732.18
Paid Treasurer	350,918.46	
Abatements	38,253.30	
Added to Tax Title	<u>56,053.49</u>	
		<u>445,225.25</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		<u>\$42,506.93</u>

Account of 1977

Assessor's Warrants to be Collected	\$3,523,754.44	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	741.66	
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	3,785.27	
Personal Property taxes abated after payment	71.09	
Interest	<u>2,323.08</u>	
		\$3,530,675.54
Paid Treasurer	3,102,633.63	
Abatements	<u>134,084.24</u>	
		<u>3,236,717.87</u>
Outstanding June 30, 1977		<u>\$293,957.67</u>

Trailer Coach Fees		
Received from July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977		\$10,760.00
Paid Treasurer		\$10,760.00

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen J. Dranka
Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Following is my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 and ending June 30, 1977.

Balance on hand July 1, 1976	\$995,015.23
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RECEIPTS

Taxes - 1977.	3,086,329.65
Taxes - Previous years.	388,374.51
Tax Title Redemptions.	44,833.92
Trailer Park Fees.	10,760.00
Federal Withholding Taxes	397,114.20
State Withholding Taxes	137,734.04
County Retirement	41,443.70
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	125,049.50
Group Life Insurance	5,364.80
Redemption of Certificates of Deposit.	2,300,000.00
Tax Anticipation Revenue Loan.	700,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan:	
Purchase of Library Building	210,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan:	
Renovation of Library Building	285,000.00
Anticipation of State Grant Loan:	
Water Pollution Control Project No. 279	322,700.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan:	
Water Pollution Control Project No. 279	89,850.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant Loan:	
Water Pollution Control Project No. 279	410,000.00
Reimbursement - U.S. Treasury - Water Pollution Control Project Grant No. C250 279 01 EPA.	515,000.00
Reimbursement - Mass. Div. of Water Pollution Control . .	634,315.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan:	
Industrial Park Urban Renewal Project	35,000.00
Transfer of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to Police Salaries Account.	175,000.00
Reimbursements and Distributions from State:	
Veterans Services.	19,785.70
School Aid - Chapter 70	774,257.39
Peddler's License.	18.00
School Transportation - Chapter 71	133,675.00
High School Building Assistance.	16,734.00
Loss of Taxes - Abatements to Widows	2,800.00
Loss of Taxes - Abatements to Veterans.	2,577.76
Loss of Taxes - Abatements to Blind Persons	700.00
Highways - Chapter 90 Construction.	17,594.99
Highways - Chapter 90 Improvement.	11,791.00
Highway and Transit Development	83,702.94
1974 - Chapter 825, Section 3	
Highway and Transit Development Assistance.	1,310.09
Highway Fund - 1971 - Chapter 497	38,120.18
Highway Fund - Chapter 81, Section 31.	34,449.35
Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.	4,000.00
for pavement striping machine	
School Aid - Special Needs, Chapter 71B	108,461.00

Special Education - Handicapped Children - Title VI . . .	4,000.00
State Aid - Vocation Schools - Chapter 74, Sect. 9. . . .	6,761.00
Education Assistance - Children of Low Income Families - Title I	16,297.00
Educational Occupational Assistance PL 92318 FY 76 - Section D - Project SAVE.	9,560.00
National Defense Education Act - Title III Art Dept. - Project No. 73-156.	7,001.71
Bureau of Library Extension - Title II - ESEA.	2,042.14
Bureau of Library Extension - State Aid Grant	4,380.00
Visual Resources Grant to Palmer Public Library Services and Construction Act - Title I.	1,800.00
Library Learning Resources - Title IV B Project E 1476 - ESEA FY 77	3,845.31
State Census.	2,929.00
Loss of Taxes - State Owned Land	16,849.80
Local Aid Fund - Lottery, Beano	87,861.96
Grant - Dept. of Elder Affairs	1,000.00
Palmer Industrial Park - Urban Renewal Project. . . .	85,117.55
Mass. Growth Policy Participation Project	192.52
Dog License Fees for County.	3,076.25
Receipts from County:	
Rental of District Court Facilities.	6,600.00
Court Fines	1,956.70
Highways - Chapter 90 Construction.	15,000.00
Dog Refund	2,978.79
Licenses, Fees, Permits	
Board of Selectmen	1,824.76
Board of License Commissioners	9,880.00
Board of Health	1,408.00
Gas Inspections.	108.00
Wire Inspections	1,365.00
Town Clerk	470.00
Planning Board	1,059.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	768.00
Police Department.	2,048.00
Dog Officer	193.00
Sewer Connections	1,750.00
Board of Appeals.	280.00
Conservation Commission.	125.00
Building Inspection	100.00
Other Receipts:	
School Lunch Program	194,678.47
School Athletic Program.	5,470.20
Rental of School Facilities	94.00
Use of Lock-Up.	800.00
Cemetery Department	4,509.66
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,100.00
Public Telephone Commission	28.22
Pioneer Valley Cablevision License Fee	1,266.50
Off Duty Work Detail - Police Department.	6,672.90
Restitution of Claim Damage - Police Department. . .	123.90
Settlement of Claim Damage - Signal Lights	858.80
Settlement of Claim Damage - Tree Department	335.00
Settlement of Claim Damage - Highway Department . .	623.57
Bicentennial Commission	2,248.08

Gifts - Palmer Council on Aging	310.00
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co. - Dividend	2,500.00
Tax Collector's Department.	373.00
Sale of Scrap at Sanitary Landfill	130.34
Photo Copy Material	21.80
Sale of surplus building at former dog pound	51.00
Sale of Bicentennial Silver Medal	15.75
Grant of Diamond International Corporation to finance engineering services for pilot plant study of de-inking effluent	15,000.00
Reimbursement from Town of South Hadley - Leo J. Santucci Pension	9,027.10
Reimbursement - Veteran's Services	900.00
Interest on Trust Funds:	
Thompson Fund	62.17
Fuller Fund - School	65.35
Fuller Fund - Park	130.73
Merrick Fund	45.24
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	5,888.81
Conservation Fund	3,344.85
Interest on:	
Taxes	11,479.09
Savings Accounts	34,024.24
Certificates of Deposit	11,631.53
Bicentennial Savings Account	855.69
Water Pollution Control Project	489.70
Refunds:	
Veterans' Services	474.51
School Department	2,424.80
School Department - Title I, Project 077-227-137	223.94
Treasurers' Other Expenses	10.00
Assessors' Other Expenses	4.90
Pathfinder Regional School	274.87
Receipts	11,783,043.92
Receipts plus Cash on July 1, 1976.	12,778,059.15
Less: Disbursements during fiscal year	10,995,481.29
Balance of Hand - June 30, 1977	1,782,577.86

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Entitlement #3		
Balance June 30, 1976	\$3,686.90	
Less Disbursements - Police Salaries	<u>3,686.90</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1977		None
Entitlement #4		
Balance - June 30, 1976	\$1,300.57	
Less Disbursements - Police Salaries	<u>1,300.57</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1977		None

Entitlement #5		
Balance - June 30, 1976	\$28,924.10	
Less Disbursements - Police Salaries . .	<u>28,924.10</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1977		None

Entitlement #6		
Balance - June 30, 1976	\$185,980.39	
Receipts during year	60,738.00	
Interest	<u>8,701.15</u>	
Total.	\$255,419.54	
Less Disbursements - Police Salaries . .	<u>141,088.43</u>	
Balance - June 30, 1977		\$114,331.11

Entitlement #7		
Receipts during year	\$127,004.00	
Interest	<u>2,239.84</u>	
Total.	\$129,243.84	
Balance - June 30, 1977		\$129,243.84

Entitlement #8		
Receipts during year	\$64,284.00	
Balance - June 30, 1977		<u>\$64,284.00</u>

Total Balance - June 30, 1977		\$307,858.95
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SUMMARY OF ANTI RECESSION FISCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS

Receipts during year	\$35,727.00	
Interest	<u>483.95</u>	
Total.	\$36,210.95	
Balance - June 30, 1977		\$36,210.95

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph S. Gill
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

I herewith submit the Financial Report of the Town of Palmer for the fiscal period, July 1, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

The following is a list of the reports submitted:

Balance Sheets

Statement of Cash Receipts

Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Public Works Employment Act of 1976

Statement of Cash Disbursements

Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances

Bonded Indebtedness

Reserve Account Transfers

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Bigda
Town Accountant

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 1977
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
General Revenue	1,155,748.02	
Non-Revenue	626,829.84	
Federal Revenue Sharing	307,858.95	
Public Works Employment	36,210.95	
Act-1976, Title 2	<u>2,126,647.76</u>	
		514,850.00

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
1970 Levy:		
Real Estate	4,275.48	
1971 Levy:		
Real Estate	4,409.78	
1972 Levy:		
Real Estate	4,536.16	
FY-1974 Levy:		
Personal Property	99.86	
Real Estate	4,790.63	
FY-1975 Levy:		
Personal Property	1,491.32	
Real Estate	5,146.45	
FY-1976 Levy:		
Personal Property	2,646.72	
Real Estate	20,596.27	
FY-1977 Levy:		
Personal Property	6,841.87	
Real Estate	<u>181,054.97</u>	
		235,889.51
Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Serial Loans:		
Water Pollution Control Program		89,850.00
Purchase of Library Building		105,000.00
Renovation of Library Building		285,000.00
Palmer Industrial Park		<u>35,000.00</u>
		514,850.00
Anticipation of State Grant:		
Water Pollution Control Program		161,350.00
State Assessments:		
Special Education, Chapter 766,		
Acts of 1972 - FY - 1977		12,632.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Income Tax	1,753.55	
State Income Tax	949.71	
County Retirement System	4,718.20	
Group Health Insurance	15,502.78	
Group Life Insurance	<u>692.88</u>	
		23,617.12
Overpayments to be Refunded:		
Veterans's Services Recovery:		
Due State		869.51
Agency:		
County-Dog Licenses	630.85	
Police - Off Duty Detail	<u>1,817.50</u>	
		2,448.35

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Building	105,000.00	
Renovation of Library Building	<u>285,000.00</u>	2,474,500.00
Unprovided for or Overdrawn		
Accounts:		
Underestimates - FY-1977:		
County Tax	4,739.54	
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	15,267.01	
School Athletics	<u>2,546.48</u>	17,813.49
Appropriation Control		
FY-1978		5,607,616.06
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue	454,121.34	
Non-Revenue	<u>654,455.71</u>	1,108,577.05

ASSETS

Overlay Deficits:	
1964 Levy	15.60
1965 Levy	18.00
1967 Levy	2.45
1969 Levy	1,232.78
FY-1974 Levy	3,845.87
FY-1975 Levy	<u>205.70</u>
	5,320.40

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Loans Authorized and Unissued:	
Water Pollution Control Program	1,718,800.00
Palmer Industrial Park	<u>79,500.00</u>
	1,798,300.00
Overestimates, FY-1977:	
State Recreation Areas	1,961.86
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	<u>48.14</u>
	2,010.00
Sale of Real Estate Fund	
	9,000.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	
	26,346.00
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus	
	35,596.55
Overlays Reserved for Abateements:	
1970 Levy	4,386.27
1971 Levy	<u>4,890.63</u>

1972 Levy	3,097.31	
1976 Levy	73,089.21	
1977 Levy	<u>4,408.64</u>	89,872.06
Revenues Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	166,349.29	
Farm Animal Excise	463.15	
Tax Title and Possessions	168,484.29	
Departmental	7,754.25	
Aid to Highway Revenue	<u>46,991.00</u>	390,041.98
Surplus Revenue	<u>624,692.61</u>	
	<u>10,775,984.25</u>	

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General	126,200.00	
Outside Debt Limit:		
General	2,355,000.00	
	<u>2,481,200.00</u>	
Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School Construction	30,000.00	
Sewer Construction	<u>96,200.00</u>	126,200.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
School Construction	150,000.00	
Local Flood Control	110,000.00	
Palmer Industrial Park	<u>2,095,000.00</u>	2,355,000.00
Urban Renewal Project		<u>2,481,200.00</u>

TRUST FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS

ASSETS

Trust Funds and Investments:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Treasurer

135,550.88

135,550.88

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

In Custody of Treasurer:

Thompson Fund - Welfare

951.28

Merrick Fund - Schools

850.00

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

93,558.00

Inez Burleigh Fuller School Fund

1,000.00

Inez Burleigh Fuller Park Fund

2,000.00

Conservation Fund

37,191.60

135,550.88

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

TAXES - LOCAL:

Current Year's Levy:

Real Estate	\$2,798,667.98	
Personal Property	<u>225,872.08</u>	\$3,024,540.06

Prior Year's Levy:

Real Estate	27,533.59	
Personal Property	2,086.94	
Tax Title Redemption	<u>44,833.92</u>	74,454.45

Other Local Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Excise	419,158.19	
Farm Animal Excise	1,005.28	
Trailer Coach Fees - 1976	7,170.00	
Trailer Coach Fees - 1977	<u>3,590.00</u>	430,923.47

Total Taxes - Local

\$3,529,917.98

STATE SHARED TAXES:

Education Basis	774,257.39	
Local Aid Fund - Lottery	87,861.96	
Loss of Taxes:		
State Properties	<u>20,349.80</u>	

Total State Shared Taxes

882,469.15

LICENSES:

From State:

Peddlar's License		18.00
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From Town:

Alcoholic Beverages	9,880.00	
Licenses issued by Selectmen	1,846.56	
Licenses issued by Board of Health	1,408.00	
Gas Storage Renewals	<u>380.00</u>	

Total Licenses

13,532.56

PERMITS

944.00

FINES - COURT

1,956.70

GRANTS AND GIFTS:

Federal:

Federal Revenue Sharing - PL 92-512		175,000.00
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School:

School Aid - Title I	16,297.00	
Title II	7,001.71	
Title IV - B	3,845.31	
Handicapped Title VI	4,000.00	
Project S.A.V.E.	4,780.00	
Handicapped Adult Disadvantaged	4,780.00	
Library Aid Title II #227	2,042.14	

All Other:

Visual Resources Grant - Library	1,800.00	
Dept. of Elder Affairs	<u>1,000.00</u>	45,546.16

Other Purposes:

Water Pollution Control Project	<u>515,000.00</u>	
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Total Grants from Federal Government

735,546.16

GRANTS FROM STATE:

School:		
School Building Assistance	16,734.00	
Tuition & Transportation -		
Ch. 71 - Sec. A	133,675.00	
State Aid - Vocational Schools	6,761.00	
Special Needs Program	<u>108,461.00</u>	265,631.00
Other Purposes:		
Highways, Chapter 81	34,449.35	
Library Aid	4,380.00	
Highways, Chapter 825	85,013.03	
Highways, Chapter 497	38,120.18	
Water Pollution Control Project -		
State Grant	<u>634,315.00</u>	796,277.56
Offsets to Outlay:		
Urban Renewal		<u>85,117.55</u>
Total Grants from State		1,147,026.11

GRANTS FROM COUNTY:

Dog Fund		3,076.25
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FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES:

General Government:		
Planning Board	1,094.00	
Board of Appeals	<u>245.00</u>	1,339.00
Public Safety:		
Wire Inspection	1,365.00	
Gas Inspection	108.00	
Police Dept. - Accident Reports	1,194.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	768.00	
Conservation Commission	125.00	
Dog Release Fees	193.00	
Building Inspection	<u>100.00</u>	3,853.00
Highways:		
Highway Dept. - Sewer Connections		1,750.00
Schools:		
Rental of Facilities		<u>94.00</u>
Total Fees for Current Services		7,036.00

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENSES:

Highways:		
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
State		11,791.00
Chapter 90 Construction		
State	17,594.99	
County	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>32,594.99</u>
Total Highways		44,385.99
Veterans' Services:		
Reimbursement for Relief		<u>23,263.46</u>
Total Reimbursement for Current Expenses		67,649.45

REVOLVING FUNDS ACCOUNTS:

School Lunch Program	194,678.47
School Athletic Program	<u>5,470.20</u>

Total Revolving Fund Account

200,148.67

UNCLASSIFIED:

Dividend Policy	2,500.00
Repairs to Traffic Signals	858.80
Motor Vehicle Excise - Paid after	
Abatement	380.10
Reimbursement - Tree Damages	335.00
Police - Off Duty Work Detail	6,672.90
Repairs - Guard Rails, Signs	623.57
Grant - Engineering Services -	
Pilot Plant	15,000.00
Reimbursement - Leo J. Santucci Pension	9,027.10
License Fee - Pioneer Cablevision	1,266.50
Reimbursement - State Census	2,929.00
Reimbursement - Bicentennial Commission	2,248.08
Commonwealth of Massachusetts -	
Reimbursement for Paving Marking Machine	4,000.00
All Other	<u>1,224.73</u>

Total Unclassified

47,065.78

CEMETERIES:

Sale of Lots and Graves	1,564.66
Care of Lots - Opening of Graves	<u>2,945.00</u>

Total Cemeteries

4,509.66

INTEREST:

On Deposits	34,024.24
On Taxes and Assessments	11,479.09
On Certificates of Deposit	11,631.53
Fuller Fund - Schools	65.35
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	5,888.81
Bicentennial Savings Account	855.69
Conservation	3,344.85
Water Pollution Control Project Savings	489.70
All Other	<u>238.14</u>

Total Interest

68,017.40

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Revenue Loans	700,000.00
Anticipation of State Grant - Water	
Pollution Control Project	322,700.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan -	
Purchase of Library Bldg.	210,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan - Water	
Pollution Control Project	89,850.00
Anticipation of Federal Grant - Water	
Pollution Control Project	410,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan - Renovation	
of Library Building	285,000.00
Anticipation of Serial Loan - Industrial	
Park Urban Renewal	<u>35,000.00</u>

Total Municipal Indebtedness

2,052,550.00

RENTALS:

Town Building & Properties	7,400.00
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AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS:

Dog Licenses for County 2,978.79

Payroll Deductions:

Federal	397,114.20	
State	137,734.04	
County Retirement	41,443.70	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	125,049.50	
Life Insurance Premiums	<u>5,364.80</u>	706,706.24

Trust:

Perpetual Care Funds 1,100.00

Investment:

Certificates of Deposit 2,300,000.00

Total Agency, Trust and Investments 3,010,785.03

REFUNDS:**General Departments:**

General Government	14.90	
Veterans Benefits	474.51	
Schools	2,648.74	
Pathfinder - overpayment of operational assessment	<u>274.87</u>	

Total Refunds 3,413.02

TOTAL RECEIPTS

11,783,043.92

Add Cash Balance, July 1, 1976

995,015.23

12,778,059.15

Less Cash Disbursements

10,995,481.29

Cash Balance, June 30, 1977

1,782,577.86

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS**

RECEIPTS

Entitlement #6 - Interest		8,701.15
Entitlement #6 - Principal		60,738.00
Entitlement #7 - Interest		2,239.84
Entitlement #7 - Principal		127,004.00
Entitlement #8 - Principal		64,284.00
		<u>262,966.99</u>
Balance, July 1, 1976:		
Entitlement #3	3,686.90	
Entitlement #4	1,300.57	
Entitlement #5	28,924.10	
Entitlement #6	<u>185,980.39</u>	<u>219,891.96</u>
		<u>482,858.95</u>

EXPENDITURES

Transferred to Regular Cash for Police Salaries		175,000.00
Balance, June 30, 1977:		
Entitlement #6	114,331.11	
Entitlement #7	129,243.84	
Entitlement #8	<u>64,284.00</u>	<u>307,858.95</u>
		<u>482,858.95</u>

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS
PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYMENT ACT OF 1976**

ENTITLEMENTS:

Qtr. beginning	July 1, 1976	14,877.00
	October 1, 1976	9,275.00
	Jan. 1, 1977	4,879.00
	Apr. 1, 1977	6,696.00
Interest through	May 31, 1977	<u>483.95</u>
		36,210.95
Expenditures		<u>none</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977		36,210.95

STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

Year ending June 30, 1977

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:

Board Salaries	4,605.00	
Secretary's Salary	2,887.50	
Office Expense & Supplies	2,096.92	
Telephone	1,244.99	
Travel & Conferences	1,056.61	
Town Meeting Expenses	363.06	
Warrant Expenses	936.03	
Contract Negotiations	1,537.50	
Office Equipment Maintenance	<u>222.45</u>	14,950.06

SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT:

House Numbering	150.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>820.03</u>	970.03

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	13,013.00	
Clerical	6,557.00	
Travel & Conferences	246.51	
Office Expense & Supplies	<u>69.26</u>	19,885.77

TOWN TREASURER:

Salary	12,542.00	
Clerical	6,977.65	
Telephone	282.86	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,598.97	
Rental - Postage Meter	632.00	
Maintenance of Office Equipment	201.74	
Bond Certification and Registration Fees	262.50	
Travel	430.42	
Data Processing Service	1,522.37	
Surety Bond	<u>327.00</u>	24,777.51

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	8,757.00	
Clerical	7,584.09	
Office Expense & Supplies	5,575.66	
Telephone	371.15	
Surety Bond	411.00	
Travel, Dues, Misc.	377.68	
Computer Expense	487.00	
Tax Title Expense	158.80	
Equipment	<u>379.00</u>	24,101.38

TOWN CLERK:

Salary	4,916.00	
Clerical	6,861.00	
Telephone	334.09	
Office Expense & Supplies	<u>788.73</u>	12,899.82

ELECTION & REGISTRATION:

Registrars' Salaries	1,680.00	
Election Officers	4,110.53	
Ballots	867.50	
Tally Sheets/Voting Lists	1,286.30	
Street Lists	637.00	
Misc. Election Expenses	324.01	
Office Expense & Supplies	317.43	
Registration & Listing	<u>2,537.50</u>	11,760.27

ASSESSORS:

Board Salaries	5,038.00	
Clerical	7,623.85	
Telephone	399.28	
Photostats	286.25	
Office Expense & Supplies	2,339.07	
Travel	1,069.78	
Assessor's Engineering	900.00	
Computer Maintenance Costs	<u>469.45</u>	18,125.68

LAW AND CLAIMS:

Salary of Town Counsel	3,150.00	
Special Legal Services	891.15	
Claims & Expenses	<u>1,375.20</u>	5,416.35

Article 2 - STM 2-14-77

Santucci vs Lemanski et al		5,000.00
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LICENSE COMMISSION EXPENSES

474.73

MEMORIAL HALL:

Custodian's Salary	1,417.50	
Electricity & Water	411.01	
Building Repairs	70.54	
General Supplies	500.65	
Snow Removal	<u>120.00</u>	2,519.70

PALMER TOWN BUILDING:

Custodian's Salary	3,259.30	
Care of Grounds - Labor	600.00	
Lights/Heat/Power	7,346.58	
Gen. Bldg. Supplies/Expenses	1,158.21	
Miscellaneous Repairs	1,322.22	
Repairs to Air Conditioner	<u>3,980.00</u>	17,666.31

TOWN ENGINEER SALARY

5,241.60

CONSULTING ENGINEER

4,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Salary of Secretary	525.00	
Office Expense & Supplies	<u>688.78</u>	1,213.78

PLANNING BOARD:

Salary of Secretary	630.00	
Office Expense & Supplies	429.19	
Telephone	<u>306.45</u>	1,365.64

BOARD OF APPEALS EXPENSES

263.10

PERSONNEL BOARD EXPENSES

33.79

COUNCIL ON AGING EXPENSES

3,023.57

TOWN MODERATOR

105.00

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

3,462.04

PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK URBAN RENEWAL

8,712.24

TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT

185,968.37

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE:

Salary of Chief	17,743.07	
Patrolmen	189,794.30	
Clerical	23,720.20	
Matron & Other Services	137.50	
School Crossing Guards	14,550.00	
Court Prosecutor	3,638.28	
Clothing & Equipment for Men	2,512.91	
Gas and Oil	10,412.53	
Radio Repairs	1,017.45	
Maintenance of Cruisers	3,498.92	
Electricity	149.33	
Telephone	1,675.60	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,576.74	
Lock-up Expense (meals, etc.)	99.94	
Medical Expense	204.52	
Officer's Training School	39.50	
Law Enforcement, Drugs, Narc.	<u>123.00</u>	270,893.79

Article 7 - 1976 - Police Cruisers 8,526.88

Auxiliary Police Expenses:

Gas	713.26	
Repairs	619.70	
Supplies	<u>658.42</u>	1,991.38

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S SALARY

382.20

FOREST WARDEN:

Forest Warden's Salary	1,890.00	
Telephone	104.91	
Fires	195.00	
Gas and Oil	72.98	
Supplies/Repairs	535.02	
OUT-OF-DISTRICT FIRES	<u>718.00</u>	3,515.91

Article 3 STM 9-20-76

Unpaid Bills of Previous Years -

Forest Warden Other Expenses 44.67

TREE DEPARTMENT:

Labor	1,412.80	
Trucking	1,056.00	
Equipment Hire	552.00	
Supplies/Repairs	226.60	
Trees for Planting	<u>926.00</u>	4,173.40

BRUSH & WEED CONTROL:

Labor	2,558.00	
Trucking	1,932.00	
Supplies/Repairs	796.12	
Equipment	<u>400.00</u>	5,686.12

DUTCH ELM DISEASE:

Labor	2,356.90	
Trucking	1,815.00	
Tree & Stump Removal	728.00	
Supplies/Repairs	<u>484.56</u>	5,384.46

INSECT PEST CONTROL:

Labor	1,672.40	
Trucking	1,344.00	
Supplies/Repairs	<u>229.30</u>	3,245.70

SEALER:

Salary	1,500.00	
Telephone	105.03	
Travel	457.95	
Equipment & Supplies	<u>140.04</u>	2,203.02

DOG OFFICER:

Salary	1,050.00	
Boarding of Dogs	2,348.00	
Destroying Dogs	852.00	
Telephone	104.91	
Electricity	246.90	
Travel	315.96	
Misc. Supplies & Repairs	513.92	
Dog Kennel Construction	<u>1,752.50</u>	7,184.19

GAS INSPECTOR - SALARY & EXPENSES

290.00

TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

78.75

CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES

264.52

WIRE INSPECTOR - SALARY & EXPENSES

973.00

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

217.25

BUILDING INSPECTOR - SALARY & EXPENSES

1,560.00

TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY

316,615.24

HEALTH AND SANITATION**HEALTH, BOARD OF:**

Board Salaries	2,007.60	
Agent	466.15	
Office Expense & Supplies	423.73	
Travel	1,040.00	
Quaboag Valley Visiting Nurse Ass'n.		
P.H. & T.B. Follow-up Visits	156.00	
Palmer Visiting Nurse Ass'n.	10,000.00	
Telephone	272.40	
Clinics	1,789.72	
Plumbing Inspector -		
Salary & Expenses	735.00	
Vermin Control -		
Salary	315.00	
Expenses	96.00	
Milk Inspector -		
Salary & Expenses	279.96	
Parochial School Doctor	210.00	
Animal Inspector	787.50	
Clerical	<u>607.95</u>	19,187.01

SANITARY LANDFILL:

Contracted Services	32,782.83	
Other Expenses	560.91	
Salary of Caretaker	<u>5,512.00</u>	38,855.74

GARBAGE COLLECTION

21,600.00

WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND

2,000.00

FY77 - Art. 22 - RAP, Inc.

9,499.92

FY77 - Art. 15 - AMBULANCE SERVICE SUBSIDY

25,000.00

SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:

Equipment Hire	3,073.00	
Supplies	<u>664.50</u>	3,737.50

GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:

Sewer Line Rights	43.00	
Equipment Hire	277.50	
Equipment/Supplies	2,493.45	
Pipe & Fittings	2,885.19	
Cleaning Catch Basins	<u>5,095.50</u>	10,794.64

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROJECT

445,308.22

Article 9 - STM 9-20-76 Land

Taking, Water Pollution Control Project 9,360.00

TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION 585,343.03**HIGHWAYS****HIGHWAY SALARIES**

142,321.51

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:

Gas/Oil/Fuel	13,847.18	
Telephone	657.40	
Lights/Heat/Power/Water	1,757.43	
Diesel Fuel Tax	378.57	
Office Expense & Supplies	1,185.82	
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	21,507.88	
Painting Crosswalks/Parking Lines	460.68	
Painting Center Line Road	1,436.98	
Raingear/Safety Equipment	913.04	
Clothing Allowance	<u>700.00</u>	42,844.98

STREETS AND SIGNS:

Materials/Supplies	84.97	
Signs	442.44	
Repairs to Traffic Signals	958.34	
Electricity	<u>2,214.21</u>	3,699.96

Highway Department Equipment

26,813.57

Bridge Maintenance

28.00

Article 3 STM 7-12-76

Inspection & Evaluation of Bridges 6,489.02

FY76 Art. 29 - FLYnt St./Old Warren Rd./Rte 32 -A

Materials and Supplies 15,365.01

FY77 Art. 29 - Elizabeth St./Darryl Circle - B (remaining section)

Materials and Supplies 12,930.33

FY77 - Art. 30 - Hillside Dr. - D

Material and Supplies 7,043.61

FY77 - Art. 31 - State St./Jim Ash Rd. - D

Material and Supplies 3,282.93

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS

260,818.92

SIDEWALKS AND CURBS**GENERAL MAINTENANCE:**

Supplies and Repairs 4,980.88

1970 - Art. 51-H - Main St. - B

483.20

Article 8 - STM 9-15-75 - RR Crossing to Rte. 181-B

5,734.62

SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH**BITUMINOUS MATERIALS:**

Gravel/Sand	1,609.59	
Liquid Bituminous Materials	15,336.81	
Concrete Bituminous Materials	9,792.01	
Equipment Hire	<u>206.25</u>	26,944.66

SNOW REMOVAL:

Equipment Hire for Plowing	4,910.00	
Repairs/Tools/Equipment	11,206.26	
Salt	10,039.96	
Sand	3,197.44	
Town of Wilbraham (plowing)	644.00	29,997.66

STREET LIGHTING

FY77 - Art. 24 - Chap. 90 Improvement		43,623.27
1976 - Art. 25 - Chap. 90 Improvement		15,314.01
		955.37

CHARITIES AND SOLDIER'S BENEFITS**VETERAN'S BENEFITS:**

Salary of Agent	9,980.00	
Clerical	693.75	
Administrative Expenses	445.49	
Emergency Provisions	539.77	
Telephone	336.84	
Hospital/Medical/Dental	6,044.88	
Ordinary Allowances	24,216.13	
Grave Markers	60.43	42,317.29

RENT - WORLD WAR I VETERANS

100.00

Article 3 - STM 9-20-76 - Unpaid Bills of Previous Years - Veterans Benefits	1,385.85
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TOTAL FOR CHARITIES & SOLDIER'S BENEFITS 43,803.14

SCHOOLS**SCHOOLS, Operation of:**

Administration - Salaries	56,046.44	
Administration - Expenses	13,725.21	
Instruction - Salaries	1,949,726.13	
Instruction - Expenses	174,133.77	
Health	12,415.31	
Custodians	116,801.25	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	127,822.74	
Other School Services	192,336.91	
Insurance	37,467.00	
Trade School Salaries	6,240.00	
Trade School Expenses	1,557.00	
Tuition	28,777.29	
Repairs	111,653.51	
Rental - St. Ann's School	3,336.00	
Building Aides	39,994.12	
Group Life Insurance	2,414.40	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	65,228.77	
Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield	917.42	
Equipment	20,056.57	
Replacement of Equipment	356.26	
Acquisition of Equipment	4,792.21	2,965,798.31

SCHOOLS, Other Expenses:

School Lunch - Salaries	54,765.08
School Lunch - Expenses	138,365.90
School Athletics	6,110.00
Title I	39,395.00
Title II PL 91-230	2,042.14
Title III PL 91-230	679.00
Title IV Civil Rights Act (HEW)	225.00
Title IV-B Library Grant	1,204.66
Title IV-B Library Resources	670.34

Title 6-B PL 93-381	1,429.25	
Project SAVE	<u>9,560.00</u>	254,446.37
Chapter 766 - Special Education - FY76		24,035.63
State Grant - Dept. of Elder Affairs Council on Aging		656.00
Title I - Vital Resources Grant - Library Service & Construction Act		1,501.53
PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATION TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT		301,343.96
Art. 24 ATM 3-12-73 Heat Detectors - Relocatables, Elementary Schools & Twn. Bldg.		16,330.47
Art. 5 STM 9-20-76 School Custodians Retroactive Salaries		2,223.12
Art. 2 STM 5-24-76 Transfer & Legal Fees, Purchase of Library Building		500.00
Purchase of Library Building		105,000.00
Library Building Renovations		209,077.19
Palmer Public Library		61,168.00

PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS

PARKS:

Labor	52,395.90	
Trucking	1,325.00	
Insurance	874.20	
TruckRepairs/Expenses	856.06	
Supplies/Repairs	4,022.14	
Gas & Oil	2,464.07	
Electricity/Water	995.27	
Telephone	347.92	
Heating System - Park Bldg.	1,792.00	
Filter - Legion Field	366.00	
Maintenance - new Burleigh Park	264.54	
Fertilizer/Grass Seed	<u>692.80</u>	66,395.90
Park Department Equipment		20,831.51

MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS - PEE WEE PARK:

Labor	1,198.53	
Equipment/Supplies	<u>61.47</u>	1,260.00
FY77 Art. 23 Tennis Courts/Basketball Court - new Burleigh Park		11,495.00

RECREATION:

Labor	12,101.25	
Transportation	3,811.55	
Travel	238.20	
Supplies/Equipment	<u>3,430.14</u>	19,581.14

BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION:

Grand Ball	1,110.62	
Bicentennial Parade-	4,289.71	
Picnic	329.86	
Arts & Crafts	150.00	
Italian Festival	124.40	
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>240.00</u>	6,244.59

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		1,079.21
1976 - Art. 12 - Pee Wee Baseball		
Midget League		1,487.00
1976 - Art. 13 - Palmer Cowboy Football Team		1,658.17
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS		130,032.52
CEMETERIES:		
Labor	19,486.15	
Salary of Secretary	1,575.00	
Trucking	1,225.00	
Electricity/Water	52.13	
Gas & Oil	200.00	
General Supplies/Repairs	1,852.04	
Snow Removal	307.00	
Fertilizer, Lime, Loam	313.20	
Equipment	<u>1,546.90</u>	26,557.42
PENSIONS		
County Retirement Assessment	94,867.00	
Leo J. Santucci Retirement	19,713.60	
Art. 4 STM 9-20-76 Retro-active Retirement Benefits -		
Leo J. Santucci	<u>53,262.15</u>	
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS		167,842.75
INSURANCE		
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	38,911.54	
Group Life Insurance	1,916.80	
General Insurance	<u>23,521.00</u>	64,349.34
UNCLASSIFIED		
Town Reports	2,060.21	
County Aid to Agriculture	50.00	
Conservation Fund	5,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue Loan	700,000.00	
Certificate of Deposit - Cash	1,700,000.00	
Tax Title Redemption	545.90	
Bottling License to State	30.00	
Police - Off Duty Work Detail	4,973.40	
Interest - Conservation Fund	3,344.85	
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1,401.60	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control	1,016.42	
Anticipation of State Grant - Water		
Pollution Control Project	322,700.00	
Anticipation of Federal Grant - Water		
Pollution Control Project	820,000.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan - Water		
Pollution Control Project	89,850.00	
Anticipation of Serial Loan - Library Building	<u>105,000.00</u>	3,755,972.38
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT		
INTEREST:		
School Bonds	6,600.00	
Tax Anticipation Notes	462.89	
Three Rivers Flood Control	6,528.13	
Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	1,459.20	
Urban Renewal Project	111,250.00	
Main St. - Three Rivers Sewer Project	4,400.00	
Temporary Loan - Purchase of Library Building	1,658.30	
Temporary Loan - Wastewater Treatment Facility	<u>21,498.66</u>	153,857.18

MATURING DEBT:

Principal - School Bonds	40,000.00	
Principal - Three Rivers Flood Control	25,000.00	
Principal - Thorndike St. Sewer	6,400.00	
Principal - Serial Bond Loan - Urban Renewal	140,000.00	
Principal - Main St. Three Rivers Sewers Project	<u>11,000.00</u>	222,400.00

STATE AND COUNTY

County Tax	255,582.53	
State Recreation Areas	35,021.63	
Audit - Municipal Accounts	434.44	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Bills	<u>1,633.05</u>	292,671.65

REFUNDS**ON TAXES:**

Real Estate	4,334.58	
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,331.97	
Personal Property	71.09	

GENERAL:

Life Insurance	3.20	
Health Insurance	317.20	
Sewer Entry Permit	<u>200.00</u>	10,258.04

DOG LICENSES TO COUNTY

3,284.80

TRUST**Payroll Deductions:**

Federal	398,661.48	
State	138,191.08	
County Retirement	40,586.95	
Blue Cross	121,263.95	
Group Life Insurance	5,388.80	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	<u>1,500.00</u>	705,592.26

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS

\$10,995,481.29

Cash on Hand, June 30, 1977

1,782,577.86**TOTAL**12,778.059.15

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1977

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
SELECTMEN:				
Board of Salaries	4,605.00	4,605.00		
Secretary's Salary	2,887.50	2,887.50		
Other Expenses	7,462.50	7,457.56	4.94	
Out-of-State Travel	200.00		200.00	
Contingent Account	1,000.00	970.03	29.97	
ACCOUNTANT:				
Salary	13,013.00	13,013.00		
Clerical	6,557.70	6,557.70		
Out-of-State Travel	160.00	114.50	45.50	
Other Expenses	332.00	201.27	130.73	
TREASURER:				
Salary	12,542.00	12,542.00		
Clerical	6,977.65	6,977.65		
Out-of-State Travel	200.00	116.43	83.57	
Other Expenses	5,150.00	5,141.43	8.57	
COLLECTOR:				
Salary	8,757.00	8,757.00		
Clerical	7,584.09	7,584.09		
Other Expenses	7,458.50	7,381.29	77.21	
Equipment	379.00	379.00		
TOWN CLERK:				
Salary	4,916.00	4,916.00		
Clerical	6,861.00	6,861.00		
Other Expenses	1,358.00	1,122.82	235.18	
ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
Registrars' Salaries	1,680.00	1,680.00		
Other Expenses	10,246.35	10,080.27	166.08	
ASSESSORS:				
Salaries	5,038.00	5,038.00		
Clerical	7,623.85	7,623.85		
Other Expenses	5,779.90	4,563.83	1,216.07	
Mapping & Engineering	900.00	900.00		
TOWN COUNSEL:				
Salary	3,150.00	3,150.00		
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,375.20	224.80	
Outside Legal Services	2,000.00	891.15	1,108.85	
Art. 2 - STM 2-14-77-Santucci vs. Lemanski et al	12,000.00	5,000.00		7,000.00
LICENSE COMMISSION:				
Expenses	475.00	474.73	.27	
MEMORIAL HALL:				
Custodian's Salary	1,417.50	1,417.50		
Other Expenses	1,102.20	1,102.20		
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:				
Custodian's Salary	3,259.30	3,259.30		
Care of Grounds	600.00	600.00		
Other Expenses	14,084.95	13,807.01	277.94	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
ENGINEERING:				
Town Engineer - Salary	5,241.60	5,241.60		
Consulting Engineer	4,000.00	4,000.00		
FINANCE COMMITTEE:				
Salary of Clerk	525.00	525.00		
Other Expenses	1,035.00	688.78	346.22	
PLANNING BOARD:				
Salary of Clerk	630.00	630.00		
Other Expenses	775.00	735.64	39.36	
BOARD OF APPEALS:				
Expenses	450.00	263.10	186.90	
PERSONNEL BOARD:				
Expenses	100.00	33.79	66.21	
COUNCIL ON AGING:				
Expenses	3,117.01	3,023.57	93.44	
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
Expenses	3,462.04	3,462.04		
PALMER INDUSTRIAL PARK URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT:				
Expenses	35,000.00	8,712.24		26,287.76
MODERATOR:				
	105.00	105.00		
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries	267,873.25	249,445.85	18,427.40	
Other Expenses	21,448.00	21,447.94	.06	
Art. 6-1976-Police Cruisers	8,526.88	8,526.88		
Auxiliary Police Expenses	2,000.00	1,991.38	8.62	
CIVIL DEFENSE:				
Salary	382.20	382.20		
Other Expenses	200.00		200.00	
FOREST WARDEN:				
Salary	1,890.00	1,890.00		
Other Expenses	1,780.00	907.91	872.09	
Out-of-District Fires	2,000.00	718.00	1,282.00	
Forest Warden - Unpaid Bills of Previous Years - Art. 3 STM 9-20-76				
	44.67	44.67		
Art. 7 STM 1-17-77 Purchase of Forest Fire Truck				
	23,000.00			23,000.00
TREE WARDEN:				
Labor	1,417.50	1,412.80	4.70	
Other Expenses	2,775.00	2,760.60	14.40	
BRUSH & WEED CONTROL:				
Labor	2,625.00	2,558.00	67.00	
Other Expenses	3,150.00	3,128.12	21.88	
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:				
Labor	2,362.50	2,356.90	5.60	
Other Expenses	3,050.00	3,027.56	22.44	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
INSECT PEST CONTROL:				
Labor	1,680.00	1,672.40	7.60	
Other Expenses	1,600.00	1,573.30	26.70	
SEALER:				
Salary	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Other Expenses	815.00	703.02	111.98	
DOG OFFICER:				
Salary	1,050.00	1,050.00		
Other Expenses	6,161.00	6,134.19	26.81	
GAS INSPECTOR:				
Salary	400.00	290.00	110.00	
Other Expenses	25.00		25.00	
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:	78.75	78.75		
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
Expenses	300.00	264.52	35.48	
WIRE INSPECTOR:				
Salary	1,200.00	960.00	240.00	
Other Expenses	25.00	13.00	12.00	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:	217.25	217.25		
BUILDING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	1,260.00	1,260.00		
Other Expenses	300.00	300.00		
HEALTH AND SANITATION				
BOARD OF HEALTH:				
Salaries	2,007.60	2,007.60		
Health Agent's Salary	466.15	466.15		
Other Expenses	6,232.95	4,910.80	1,322.15	
MILK INSPECTION:				
Salary & Expenses	280.00	279.96	.04	
ANIMAL INSPECTION:				
Salary & Expenses	787.50	787.50		
VITAL STATISTICS:	300.00		300.00	
QUABOAG VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:	10,000.00	10,000.00		
PLUMBING INSPECTION:				
Salary & Expenses	735.00	735.00		
SANITARY LANDFILL:				
Contracted Services	33,540.00	32,782.83	757.17	
Other Expenses	660.00	560.91	99.09	
Salary of Caretaker	5,512.00	5,512.00		
GARBAGE COLLECTION:	21,600.00	21,600.00		
WING MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FUND:	2,000.00	2,000.00		
Art. 22 - 1976 - RAP, Inc.	9,500.00	9,499.92	.08	
Art. 15 - 1976 - Ambulance Service Subsidy	25,000.00	25,000.00		

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Surplus	Balance Forward
GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:	10,610.00	10,554.64	55.36	
SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:	4,000.00	3,977.50	22.50	
Art. 16 ATM 2-13-67 Appraisal Expenses - Sewage Disposal System	15,710.00			15,710.00
Art. 60-C 1969 So. High St. - D	2,800.00			2,800.00
Art. 6 STM 5-5-69 Wilbraham St. - A	34,619.80			34,619.80
Art. 63 ATM 3-8-71 Engineering & Legal Services - Wastewater Treatment Program	3,824.23			3,824.23
Art. 21 ATM 3-11-74 Engineering Services - Wastewater Treatment Program	1,126.43			1,126.43
Water Pollution Control Project	1,379,927.49	855,308.22		524,619.27
Art. 48 1973 Main St. - RR Crossing west of Thorndike - B	505.96		505.96	
Art. 9 STM 9-20-76 Land Taking - Water Pollution Control Project	9,360.00	9,360.00		

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries	147,293.77	141,651.61	5,642.16	
GEN. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:	43,540.00	43,514.88	25.12	
STREET SIGNS:	3,700.00	3,699.96	.04	
HWY. DEPT. EQUIPMENT REPAIRS:	27,735.00	26,813.57	921.43	
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE:	3,985.00	28.00	3,957.00	
Art. 19 1976 - Engr. Survey - Fed. Hwy. Safety Act	1,756.50		1,756.50	
SURFACE TREATMENT:	27,000.00	26,944.66	55.34	
SNOW REMOVAL:	30,000.00	29,997.66	2.34	
STREET LIGHTING:	46,048.25	43,623.27	2,424.98	
Art. 3 STM 7-12-76 Inspection & Evaluation of Bridges	9,800.00	6,489.02	3,310.98	
Art. 25-FY76 - Chapter 90 Improvement	955.37	955.37		
Art. 29-FY76 - Chapter 90 Construction	23,722.43			23,722.43
Art. 25-FY77 - Chapter 90 Construction - Warren St. - A	32,600.00			32,600.00
Art. 24-FY77 - Chapter 90 Improvement	16,791.00	15,314.01		1,476.99
Art. 55-1966-Gates St. - B	2,690.00			2,690.00

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
Art. 26-FY77 - Flynt St./Old Warren Rd./Rte. 32-A	17,795.50	15,365.01		2,430.49
Art. 29-FY77 - Elizabeth St./Darryl Circle-B	12,940.50	12,930.33	10.17	
Art. 30-FY77 - Hillside Dr. - D	7,455.00	7,043.61	411.39	
Art. 31-FY77 - State St./Jim Ash Rd. - D	3,283.00	3,282.93	.07	

SIDEWALKS

Gen. Sidewalk Maintenance	5,000.00	4,980.88	19.12	
Art. 51-H 1970 Main St.-B	483.20	483.20		
Art. 8 STM 9-15-75 Prec. B from RR Crossing to Rte. 181	7,930.00	5,734.62		2,195.38

VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT

Veteran's Agent Salary	9,980.00	9,980.00		
Veterans' Clerical	735.00	693.75	41.25	
Veteran's Benefits	49,574.51	30,800.78	18,773.73	
Veteran's Other Expenses	1,000.00	842.76	157.24	
Art. 3-STM 9-20-76 Unpaid Bills of Previous Years	1,385.85	1,385.85		
Rent - World War I Vets	100.00	100.00		

EDUCATION

Public Schools and Maintenance	3,305,402.19	2,976,140.12	6,019.17	323,242.90
Art. 5 STM 9-20-76 School Custodians-Retro-active Salaries	2,223.12	2,223.12		
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District	376,165.74	301,343.96	74,821.78	
Art. 24 ATM 3-12-73 Heat Detectors	17,682.03	16,330.47		1,351.56

LIBRARIES

Palmer Public Library	61,168.00	61,168.00		
Art. 2 STM 5-24-76 Transfers & Legal Fees - Purchase of Library Bldg.	500.00	500.00		
Purchase of Library Bldg.	105,000.00	105,000.00		
Library Renovations - No. Main St. - A	285,000.00	209,077.19		75,922.81

PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

Park Salaries	52,395.90	52,395.90		
Other Expenses	14,000.00	14,000.00		
Pee Wee Park - Maint. of Grounds	1,260.00	1,260.00		
Park Dept. Equipment	21,434.95	20,831.51	603.44	
Art. 23-FY77 Tennis Court/ Basketball Court - New Burleigh Park	11,540.00	11,495.00	45.00	

	Appro. as Modified	Expended	Balance Surplus	Forward
Recreation - Salaries	12,101.25	12,101.25		
Recreation - Other Expenses	7,480.00	7,479.89	.11	
Bicentennial Commission	22,007.82	6,244.59	15,763.23	
Memorial Day Observance	1,500.00	1,079.21	420.79	
Art. 12 - 1976 - Pee Wee Midget Baseball League	1,500.00	1,487.00	13.00	
Art. 13 - 1976 - Palmer Cowboy Football Team	1,660.83	1,658.17	2.66	

CEMETERIES

Labor	19,603.00	19,486.15	116.85	
Salary of Secretary	1,575.00	1,575.00		
Other Expenses	3,950.00	3,949.37	.63	
Equipment	1,560.00	1,546.90	13.10	

PENSIONS

County Retirement Assessment	94,867.00	94,867.00		
Leo J. Santucci Retirement	19,713.60	19,713.60		
Art. 4 STM 9-20-76 Retroactive Retirement Benefits - Leo J. Santucci	53,262.15	53,262.15		

INSURANCE

General Insurance	26,445.00	23,521.00	2,924.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	39,400.00	38,911.54	488.46	
Group Insurance - Life	2,100.00	1,916.80	183.20	

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	3,600.00	2,060.21	1,539.79	
County Aid to Agriculture	50.00	50.00		
Reserve Fund	35,000.00	34,035.20	964.80	

INTEREST & MATURING DEBT

Int. - Palmer Industrial Park	5,250.00	5,250.00		
Int. - Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000.00	462.89	2,537.11	
Int. - School Bonds	6,600.00	6,600.00		
Int. - Three Rivers Flood Control Project	6,528.13	6,528.13		
Int. - Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	1,459.20	1,459.20		
Int. - Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	112,750.00	111,250.00	1,500.00	
Int. - Main St. Three Rivers Sewer Project	4,400.00	4,400.00		
Int. - Wastewater Treatment Facilities	32,100.00	21,498.66	10,601.34	
Int. - Purchase of Library Bldg.	1658.30	1658.30		
Prin. - School Bonds	40,000.00	40,000.00		
Prin. - Three Rivers Flood Control Project	25,000.00	25,000.00		
Prin. - Thorndike St. Sewer Bonds	6,400.00	6,400.00		
Prin. - Palmer Industrial Park Urban Renewal	140,000.00	140,000.00		
Prin. - Main St. Three Rivers Sewer Project	11,000.00	11,000.00		

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

Maturity Year	1962 High School Addition	1962 T.R. Flood Project	1970 Thorndike St. Sewer	1973 Main St. T.R. Sewer	1974 Urban Renewal	Total
1977				11,000.00	20,000.00	31,000.00
1978	40,000.00	25,000.00	6,400.00	11,000.00	140,000.00	222,400.00
1979	40,000.00	25,000.00	6,400.00	11,000.00	140,000.00	222,400.00
1980	40,000.00	7,500.00	6,400.00	11,000.00	140,000.00	204,900.00
1981	30,000.00	7,500.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	178,500.00
1982	30,000.00	5,000.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	176,000.00
1983		5,000.00		11,000.00	130,000.00	146,000.00
1984		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1985		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1986		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1987		5,000.00			130,000.00	135,000.00
1988		5,000.00			125,000.00	130,000.00
1989		5,000.00			124,000.00	129,000.00
1990		5,000.00			124,000.00	129,000.00
1991					124,000.00	124,000.00
1992					124,000.00	124,000.00
1993					124,000.00	124,000.00
	<u>180,000.00</u>	<u>110,000.00</u>	<u>19,200.00</u>	<u>77,000.00</u>	<u>2,095,000.00</u>	<u>2,481,200.00</u>

RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1977

APPROPRIATION		\$35,000.00
	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
	Selectmen's Other Expense	\$ 750.00
	Accountant's Clerical	629.00
	Treasurer's Clerical	131.65
	Tax Collector's Clerical	250.09
	Election and Registration Other Expense	3,371.35
	Assessors' Clerical	143.85
	License Commission	200.00
	Memorial Hall Other Expense	392.20
	Palmer Town Building Other Expense	4,609.95
	Palmer Redevelopment Authority	3,462.04
	Council on Aging	461.81
	Police Cruiser Account	26.88
	Brush and Weed Control Other Expense	950.00
	Dutch Elm Disease Other Expense	850.00
	Dog Officer Other Expense	2,011.00
	Historical Commission	117.25
	Sanitary Landfill - Salary of Caretaker	104.00
	Palmer Public Library	1,000.00
	Park Department Other Expense	3,170.00
	Palmer Cowboy Football Team Expense	160.83
	Leo J. Santucci Pension Account	960.00
	General Insurance Account	4,225.00
	Group Health Insurance	4,400.00
	Interest on Anticipation of Serial	1,658.30
	Loan - Purchase of Library Building	<u>34,035.20</u>
Balance, June 30, 1977		964.80

**1978 TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Hampden, ss:

Town of Palmer

To either of the Constables of the Town of Palmer in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in elections of town officers to meet at the several polling places in said Palmer, designated by the Selectmen, to wit: In Precinct A at the Palmer High School; in Precinct B, at the Thorndike Grammar School; in Precinct C, at the Three Rivers Grammar School; and in Precinct D, at the Bondsville Grammar School; on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of April, 1978 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the Town, for the following officers:

For a term of one (1) year:

One (1) Moderator
Three (3) License Commissioners
Five (5) Park Commissioners

For a term of three (3) years:

One (1) Treasurer
One (1) Selectmen
One (1) Assessor
Two (2) School Committee Members
One (1) Board of Health Member
One (1) Cemetery Commissioner
One (1) Pathfinder Regional Vocational -
Technical High School District
Member

For a term of three (3) years (to fill vacancy)

One (1) Planning Board Member

For a term of five (5) years:

One (1) Planning Board Member
One (1) Palmer Redevelopment Authority Member
One (1) Palmer Housing Authority Member

The polls will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon and will be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Palmer, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Palmer High School, Converse Street in said Palmer on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April, A.D., 1978 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz;

ARTICLE 1. To choose all usual Town Officers.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on reports of committees.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1978, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Recommended

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money as permitted by law to meet any appropriations made or expenses incurred under any article of the warrant.

Recommended

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or Transfer from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, P.L. 92-512 Account and accrued interest, any sum of money for Public Safety, Environmental Protection, Public Transportation, Health, Recreation, Libraries, Social Services for the Poor and Aged, Financial Administration or Ordinary Capital Expenditures authorized by law.

\$260,000.00 Recommended for Police Salaries

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from Title 11 of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976 Accounts as amended by Public Law 95-30, any sum of money to maintain levels of basic services and public employment within the following governmental expenditure categories: Education, Highways, Public Welfare, Health and Hospitals, Police and Corrections, Fire Protection, Sewerage and Sanitation, Natural Resources, Housing and Urban Renewal, Transportation, Libraries, Financial Administration, General Public Buildings, Interest on General Debt and Parks and Recreation.

\$13,581.75 Recommended for Police Salaries

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the fiscal year 1979.

See Summary Article, Page 137

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction or by bid, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to the Reserve Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

\$45,000.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any sum of money from the State Aid to Free Libraries Account to the use of the Palmer Public Library, or take any action relative thereto.

\$4,380.00

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 13.To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Midget Baseball League, or take any action relative thereto.

\$1,800.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to defray the expenses of the Palmer Pee Wee Cowboy Football Team, or take any action relative thereto.

\$1,800.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 or any other sum for the Conservation Fund for purposes as described in General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as amended and Chapter 132A, Section 11, and any amendments thereto to be used by the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.

\$5,000.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to subsidize ambulance service in the Town of Palmer, such service to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

\$34,000.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will transfer any sum of money from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to the Cemetery Other Expense

Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to provide community mental health and social services through Valley Human Services, Inc. to the residents of Palmer including: telephone counseling, information and referrals; crisis intervention, short term counseling (individual and family); drug treatment and education; emergency shelter for youths; community outreach (including the public schools); volunteer outreach in human services; Alternative Learning Program (certified under Chapter 766 to provide services to children with special needs); or take any action relative thereto.

\$7,000.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following By-Law:

All warrant articles, other than the annual budget article, which involves an appropriation of \$1,000 or more shall be voted on by secret ballot. This applies to all town meetings, annual and special. This By-Law shall take effect on July 1, 1978.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1977 which reads as follows:

SCHOOL COMMITTEES — — RECEIPTS FROM CERTAIN PROGRAMS

An act providing for the expenditure by school committees of receipts from certain programs.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 71D, inserted by section 2 of Chapter 348 of the Acts of 1977, the following section: —

Section 71E. In any city or town which accepts this section, all monies received by the school committee in connection with the conduct of adult education and continuing education programs, including, but not limited to adult physical fitness programs conducted under section seventy-one B, summer school programs and programs designated by prior vote of said committee as community school programs, and in connection with the use of school property under section seventy-one, shall be deposited with the treasurer of the town or city and held as separate accounts. The receipts held in such a separate account may be expended by said school committee without further appropriation for the purposes of the program or programs from which the receipts held in such account were derived or, in the case of the use of school property account for expenses incurred in making school property available for such use, notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-three of Chapter forty-four of the General Laws. A city or town may appropriate funds for the conduct of any such program or for expenses incurred in making school property available for such use, which funds shall be expended by the school committee in addition to funds provided from other sources. Three years from the date a city or

town accepts the provisions of this paragraph, and every third year thereafter, said city or town may act to rescind its original acceptance.

Approved October 14, 1977.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be used for Aquatic Nuisance Control and Beach Improvement at Forest Lake, or take any other action relative thereto.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or otherwise, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for the Chapter 90 construction of Warren Street, Precinct A, from the end of the present improvement, as far as funds will permit, said monies to be used in conjunction with funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto.

\$15,000.00 Recommended by Taxation
\$17,600.00 Recommended to be transferred
from Surplus for State Share.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate by taxation or otherwise, or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Improvement, said monies to be used in conjunction with funds allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto.

\$5,000.00 Recommended by Taxation
\$11,791.00 Recommended to be transferred from
Surplus for State Share

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, any sum of money to construct a safety improvement project in the Town of Palmer, including a Sign Improvement Program, Pavement Marking Improvement Program and a Guardrail Improvement Program under the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1973, said monies to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth and restored upon their receipt, to available funds in the Treasury, or take any action relative thereto.

\$35,000.00 Recommended

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept and allow a Town Way in the Village of Three Rivers, Precinct C, as shown on a Plan entitled, "Plan showing Layout of New Hampshire Avenue, Precinct C, Palmer, Mass., December 5, 1966, Scale 1" - 100', Kenneth C. Sherman, Town Engineer", according to the following description:

Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Springfield Street, at the Northwesterly corner of land of Theodore E. and Rose C. Dinelle, shown as lot 2 on a plan recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plans 77, Page 83, and running thence S. 17° 07' 30" W. three hundred ninety-seven and 38/100 (397.38) feet along said land of Dinelle, land of Robert E. and Marie J. Mullen, land of Douglas E. Jr., and Marlene K. Warner and land of Raymond F. Niles to a point; thence turning and running S. 11°

07' 30" W. two hundred fifty-four and 56/100 (254.56) feet along said land of Niles to a point; thence turning and running Southeasterly, Southerly, Southwesterly, westerly, Northwesterly, Northerly and North-easterly in a curve to the right with a radius of fifty-seven and 5/10 (57.5) feet, a length of three hundred nine and 57/100 (309.57) feet along said land of Niles to a point; thence turning and running N. 11° 07' 30" E. two hundred fifty-seven and 18/100 (257.18) feet along land of said Niles, land of Albert F. and Lorraine E. Corsi and land of Prosper J. Jr., and Mary E. Blinn to a point at land of Roger H. and Patricia Cole and Regina McCarthy; thence turning and running N. 17° 07' 30" E. four hundred and 00/100 (400.00) feet along said last named land, land of Lewis P. and Jean D. Councilman, land of Donald K. and Dolores M. Keegan and land of Waldemer J. and Beatrice M. Kowalik to a point on the Southerly side of Springfield Street as aforesaid; thence turning and running S. 72° 52' 30" E. fifty and 00/100 (50.00) feet along said Springfield Street to the point of beginning.

Said street is laid out over land of Raymond F. Niles and is to be known as New Hampshire Avenue.

Recommended

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept that portion of Flynt Street as a Town Way from Ware Street near station 241 + 85.75 Southerly to the former Northerly terminus of Flynt Street at Warren Street, in accordance with a plan drawn by Kenneth C. Sherman, Town Engineer, October 19, 1976 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 175, Pages 114-119 and also on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Hampden County Commissioners to abandon and discontinue as a County Highway, that portion of Warren (Old) Street (1799 County Layout), from Ware Street to the intersection of the new 1973 proposed County Layout of Warren Street, near Station 45 + 79.62 in accordance with a plan drawn by Kenneth C. Sherman, Town Engineer, October 19, 1976 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 175, Pages 114-119, and also recorded with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to abandon and discontinue, as a town way, that portion shown as abandonment # 1 of Warren (Old) Street, (1799 County Layout) from Flynt Street Easterly to the intersection of the new 1973 proposed county layout of Warren Street near Station 45 + 79.62, except that portion at the intersection of Burleigh Street and Waverly Street (private) in accordance with a plan drawn by Kenneth C. Sherman, Town Engineer, October 19, 1976 and duly recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 175, Pages 114-119, and also recorded with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Hampden County Commissioners to abandon and discontinue as a County Highway, that portion of the 1971 County layout of Warren Street from Station 13 + 17.42, near Flynt Street to Station 39 + 00. Said Layout being recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 135, Plans 90-93, or take any action relative thereto.

Recommended

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to accept and allow a gift of land from the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, Incorporated according to the following description:

A certain parcel of land shown on a "Plan of Land in Three Rivers, Palmer, Mass., surveyed for the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, Inc., Scale 1" = 50', March 22, 1976, Kenneth C. Sherman, Engineer, Surveyor, Palmer, Mass." and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 165, Page 130. Said parcel being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHERLY: by Main Street, one Hundred-five (105.00) feet.

WESTERLY: by land of the Union Evangelical Church and land now or formerly of Donald Cournoyer & c, one hundred seventy-five (175.00) feet.

NORTHERLY: by land now or formerly of Donald C. Cournoyer & c, one hundred four and 64/100 (104.64) feet.

EASTERLY: by land now or formerly of Victoria A. LeBeau, one hundred seventy-five (175.00) feet.

Containing 18,340 square feet.

Subject to the rights of Donald C. Cournoyer and Lionel L. Arpin, their heirs and assigns to use an easterly section of said premises designated "pavement" as shown on the aforesaid plan of land, as a means of ingress and egress for vehicle and foot traffic for the convenience of their, the said Cournoyer and Arpin, other land and buildings adjoining the granted premises on the Northerly side. It being understood that at the option of the grantee and at its expense aforesaid right of way may be relocated further easterly on said premises.

BEING the premises conveyed to the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce by deed from Donald C. Cournoyer and Lionel L. Arpin on 9 April, 1976 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 4308, Page 323.

Recommended

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to change the existing street lighting along Main Street, Precinct C by installing and maintaining Sodium Vapor lighting, or take any other action relative thereto.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to install, maintain and otherwise provide street lighting as follows:

Install street lighting on Pole # 107, Old Warren Road, Precinct B.

Not Recommended

ARTICLE 33. To choose committees and give them instructions.

ARTICLE 34. To act on reports of Town Officers.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies in some one public place in each of the four villages of the Town, known as the Depot Village, Thorndike, Three Rivers and Bonds-ville, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting and by publishing an attested copy thereof in at least one issue of the Palmer Journal Register, a newspaper published in said Palmer, the publication to be not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the holding of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of March, 1978.

Gordon H. Christiansen
James L. St. Amand
William J. Lemanski

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

a true copy

ATTEST:

Edward J. Jasak

Constable of the Town of Palmer

**ARTICLE - APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT 4.0% of FY-79**

	Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 78
1	MODERATOR	100.00	105.00	110.25	110.25
	SELECTMEN:				
2	Salaries	4,386.00	4,605.00	4,835.25	4,835.25
3	Salary of Secretary	2,750.00	2,887.50	3,031.88	3,134.88
4	Other Expenses	6,023.69	7,457.56	6,867.50	6,427.50
5	Out-of-State Travel	19.80		200.00	200.00
6	Equipment	397.50			
7	Contingent Account	1,364.79	970.03	1,000.00	1,000.00
	ACCOUNTANT:				
8	Salary	12,650.00	13,013.00	13,663.65	14,132.00
9	Clerical	5,304.60	6,557.00	7,027.28	7,450.00
10	Other Expenses	266.99	201.27	332.00	332.00
11	Out-of-State Travel	160.00	114.50	160.00	160.00
	TREASURER:				
12	Salary	12,132.00	12,542.00	13,169.10	13,591.60
13	Clerical	6,500.00	6,977.65	7,188.30	7,610.80
14	Other Expenses	4,900.00	4,827.44	5,480.00	26,050.00
15	Out-of-State Travel	171.93	430.42	200.00	200.00
	COLLECTOR:				
16	Salary	8,335.00	8,757.00	9,194.85	9,617.35
17	Clerical	6,500.00	7,584.09	14,720.70	16,083.70
18	Other Expenses	6,307.25	7,760.29	8,620.00	8,475.00
	TOWN CLERK:				
19	Salary	4,500.00	4,916.00	5,161.80	5,584.30
20	Clerical	6,500.00	6,861.00	7,204.05	7,626.50
21	Other Expenses	1,197.03	1,122.82	1,358.00	1,367.00
	ELECTION & REGISTRATION:				
22	Registrars' Salaries	1,600.00	1,680.00	1,764.00	1,764.00
23	Other Expenses	6,429.29	10,080.27	5,604.10	9,870.00
	ASSESSORS:				
24	Salaries	4,800.00	5,038.00	5,289.90	5,289.90
25	Clerical	6,987.00	7,623.85	7,854.00	14,107.00
26	Other Expenses	5,387.33	4,563.83	6,475.00	7,250.00
27	Mapping & Engineering	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00
28	Equipment			350.00	
	LAW AND CLAIMS:				
29	Salary of Town Counsel	3,035.42	3,150.00	3,307.50	3,300.00
30	Other Expenses	1,356.75	1,375.20	1,600.00	1,600.00
31	Special Legal Services	3,084.28	891.15	5,000.00	2,000.00
	LICENSE COMMISSIONERS:				
32	Expenses	275.00	474.73	350.00	475.00
	MEMORIAL HALL:				
33	Salary of Custodian	1,350.00	1,417.50	2,200.00	2,800.00
34	Other Expenses	1,338.42	1,102.20	685.00	5,475.00
	PALMER TOWN BUILDING:				
35	Salary of Custodian	3,106.00	3,259.30	3,422.27	3,922.27
36	Care of Grounds	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
37	Other Expenses	8,765.28	13,807.01	10,335.00	10,840.00

Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 79
ENGINEERING:				
38 Town Engineer's Salary	4,992.00	5,241.60	5,503.68	5,503.68
39 Consulting Engineer	3,149.25	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
FINANCE:				
40 Salary of Clerk	500.00	525.00	551.25	551.25
41 Other Expenses	850.35	688.78	875.00	825.00
PLANNING BOARD:				
42 Salary of Clerk	600.00	630.00	661.50	661.50
43 Clerical			5,408.00	5,915.00
44 Other Expenses	1,218.16	735.64	790.00	790.00
BOARD OF APPEALS:				
45 Expenses	84.92	263.10	450.00	450.00
PERSONNEL BOARD:				
46 Expenses	279.74	33.79	100.00	100.00
COUNCIL ON AGING:				
47 Expenses	1,494.27	3,023.57	3,460.00	500.00
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
48 Expenses		3,462.04	3,520.00	3,500.00
	<u>152,650.04</u>	<u>172,256.13</u>	<u>189,869.19</u>	<u>226,977.73</u>
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY 6.3% of FY-79				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
49 Salaries	248,577.08	249,583.35	269,543.56	277,236.87
50 Other Expenses	22,458.67	21,310.44	25,830.00	26,725.00
51 Cruisers	7,133.00	8,526.88	9,000.00	12,000.00
AUXILIARY POLICE:				
52 Expenses	2,186.70	1,991.38	2,000.00	2,000.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:				
53 Salary	364.00	382.20	401.31	401.31
54 Expenses			100.00	100.00
FOREST WARDEN:				
55 Salary	1,800.00	1,890.00	1,984.50	1,984.50
56 Other Expenses	1,413.86	907.91	1,780.00	1,460.00
57 Out-of-District Fires	1,313.00	718.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
TREE WARDEN:				
58 Salary	1,337.00	1,412.80	1,488.38	
59 Other Expenses	2,738.25	2,760.60	2,775.00	
BRUSH & WEED CONTROL:				
60 Labor	2,436.00	2,558.00	2,756.25	
61 Other Expenses	2,170.27	3,128.12	2,200.00	
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:				
62 Labor	2,128.00	2,356.90	2,480.63	
63 Other Expenses	2,893.41	3,027.56	2,910.00	
INSECT PEST CONTROL:				
64 Labor	1,582.00	1,672.40	1,764.00	
65 Other Expenses	1,586.94	1,573.30	1,600.00	
FOREST DEPARTMENT:				
66 Labor	<u>7,483.00</u>	<u>8,000.10</u>	<u>8,489.26</u>	9,936.20

	Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 79
67	Other Expense (New Dept. - Combines Tree Warden, Brush and Weed Control, Dutch Elm Disease and Insect Pest Control Departments.)	9,388.87	10,489.58	9,485.00	7,677.80
	SEALER:				
68	Salary	1,260.00	1,500.00	1,575.00	1,575.00
69	Other Expenses	642.11	703.02	815.00	840.00
	DOG OFFICER:				
70	Salary	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,102.50	1,102.50
71	Other Expenses	3,170.48	6,134.19	4,535.00	4,624.72
	GAS INSPECTOR:				
72	Salary & Expenses	530.65	290.00	425.00	425.00
73	TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:	75.00	78.75	82.70	82.70
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
74	Expenses	259.11	264.52	350.00	350.00
	WIRE INSPECTOR:				
75	Salary & Expenses	538.90	973.00	1,225.00	1,225.00
	HISTORICAL COMMISSION:				
76	Expenses	63.00	217.25	150.00	150.00
	BUILDING INSPECTOR:				
77	Salary & Expenses	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,560.00</u>	<u>1,623.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
	TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	311,157.43	316,570.57	342,496.83	357,896.60
HEALTH AND SANITATION - 1.6% of FY-79					
	BOARD OF HEALTH:				
78	Salaries	1,912.00	2,007.60	2,107.98	2,107.98
79	Health Agent's Salary	463.00	466.15	489.46	489.46
80	Other Expenses	4,869.41	4,910.80	6,639.60	7,564.60
	MILK INSPECTION:				
81	Salary & Expenses	270.00	279.96	290.50	290.50
	ANIMAL INSPECTION:				
82	Salary & Expenses	750.00	787.50	826.88	826.88
83	VITAL STATISTICS			300.00	300.00
	PALMER VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION:				
84		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	12,300.00
	PLUMBING INSPECTOR:				
85	Salary & Expenses	700.00	735.00	771.75	771.75
	SANITARY LANDFILL:				
86	Salary of Caretaker	4,992.00	5,512.00	5,678.40	6,198.40
87	Contracted Services	33,933.82	32,782.83	29,376.00	25,200.00
88	Other Expenses	2,164.60	560.91	560.00	510.00
89	GARBAGE COLLECTION:	21,600.00	21,600.00	21,600.00	21,600.00

Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 79
WING MEMORIAL				
90 HOSPITAL FUND:	2,000.00	2,000.00		
SEWER TRUNKMAIN				
91 CLEANING:	3,999.80	3,737.50	4,000.00	4,000.00
GENERAL SEWER				
92 MAINTENANCE:	<u>10,957.87</u>	<u>10,794.64</u>	<u>10,900.00</u>	<u>11,225.00</u>
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION	98,612.50	96,174.89	93,540.57	93,384.57
HIGHWAYS - 6.5%				
HIGHWAYS:				
93 Salaries	129,941.29	142,321.51	167,619.80	174,376.68
General Highway				
94 Maintenance	39,736.42	42,844.98	45,615.00	46,690.00
Street Signs &				
95 Traffic Regulations	3,126.18	3,699.96	4,200.00	4,900.00
Highway Equipment and				
96 Repairs	10,000.00	26,813.57	16,000.00	25,000.00
97 Maintenance of Railroad Crossings				1,330.00
98 Bridge Maintenance	1,902.87	28.00	1,200.00	200.00
General Sidewalk				
99 Maintenance	4,983.25	4,980.88	5,000.00	5,000.00
100 Surface Treatment	26,809.78	26,944.66	28,000.00	28,000.00
101 Snow Removal	28,953.55	29,997.66	31,000.00	32,000.00
102 Street Lighting	<u>45,778.44</u>	<u>43,623.27</u>	<u>44,000.00</u>	<u>51,900.00</u>
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS	291,231.78	321,254.49	342,634.80	369,396.68
VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT - .8% of FY-79				
VETERANS:				
Veteran's Agent				
103 Salary	9,564.00	9,980.00	10,479.00	4,000.00
104 Veteran's Clerical	638.95	693.75	771.75	800.00
105 Veteran's Benefits	40,135.29	30,861.21	41,200.00	36,950.00
106 Veteran's Other Expense	865.11	782.33	1,300.00	1,130.00
107 Rent-World War I Vets	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL FOR VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT	51,303.35	42,417.29	53,850.75	42,980.00
EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES - 65.5% of FY-79				
108 PUBLIC SCHOOLS	2,530,226.16	2,965,798.31	3,163,477.00	3,161,885.86
109 PATHFINDER REGIONAL	305,070.43	301,343.96	372,575.00	475,146.00
110 PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY	<u>55,463.00</u>	<u>61,168.00</u>	<u>79,171.40</u>	<u>87,945.00</u>
TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES	2,890,759.59	3,328,310.27	3,615,223.40	3,724,976.86
PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS 2.0% of FY-79				
PARKS:				
111 Salaries	40,056.05	52,395.90	55,015.70	59,001.44
112 Equipment	3,936.00	20,831.51	9,812.18	12,197.25
113 Other Expenses	10,163.00	14,000.00	13,696.55	14,095.51
Pee Wee Park				
114 Maintenance	1,200.00	1,260.00	1,323.00	1,400.00

Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 79
RECREATION:				
115 Salaries	11,524.72	12,101.25	14,436.31	14,436.31
116 Other Expenses	7,545.50	7,479.89	8,220.00	8,220.00
BICENTENNIAL				
117 COMMISSION:	19,546.30	6,244.59		
MEMORIAL DAY				
118 OBSERVANCE:	<u>1,499.81</u>	<u>1,079.21</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS	104,471.38	115,392.35	104,003.74	110,850.51
CEMETERIES - .5% of FY-79				
CEMETERIES:				
119 Labor	17,483.54	19,486.15	20,583.15	20,858.00
120 Salary of Secretary	1,500.00	1,575.00	1,653.75	1,653.75
121 Other Expenses	2,918.11	3,949.37	2,825.00	3,525.00
122 Equipment	<u>802.00</u>	<u>1,546.90</u>	<u>10,555.00</u>	
TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES	22,703.65	26,557.42	35,616.90	26,036.75
PENSIONS - 1.9% of FY-79				
COUNTY RETIREMENT				
123 ASSESSMENT	69,602.00	94,867.00	85,829.00	86,480.00
RETIREMENT, Leo J.				
124 Santucci		<u>19,713.60</u>	<u>20,013.60</u>	<u>20,013.60</u>
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS	69,602.00	114,580.60	105,542.60	106,493.60
INSURANCE - 2.2% of FY-79				
125 General Insurance	28,217.00	23,521.00	35,975.00	45,958.00
Blue Cross -				
126 Blue Shield	29,836.16	38,911.54	49,000.00	47,000.00
127 Group Life Insurance	1,934.40	1,916.80	2,100.00	2,150.00
128 Unemployment Insurance				<u>31,000.00</u>
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE	59,987.56	64,349.34	87,075.00	126,108.00
UNCLASSIFIED - .1% of FY-79				
129 TOWN REPORTS:	3,863.68	2,060.21	2,700.00	3,200.00
County Aid to				
130 Agriculture	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED	3,913.68	2,110.21	2,750.00	3,300.00
INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT - 8.6% of FY-79				
INTEREST:				
131 Tax Anticipation Note	583.26	462.89	3,000.00	4,000.00
132 School Bonds	7,800.00	6,600.00	5,400.00	4,200.00
Three Rivers Flood				
133 Control	7,509.38	6,528.13	5,546.88	5,134.38
Thorndike St. Sewer				
134 Bonds	1,824.00	1,459.20	1,094.40	729.60
Palmer Industrial Park				
135 Urban Renewal	127,398.05	111,250.00	104,250.00	99,350.00
136 Relocatable Classrooms	1,120.35			
Main St. Three				
137 Rivers Sewer	4,950.00	4,400.00	3,850.00	3,300.00

Item	Expended FY 76	Expended FY 77	Approp. FY 78	Recommended FY 79
Wastewater Treatment 138 Facilities		21,498.66	107,000.00	128,000.00
Interest on Abated 139 Taxes	8,091.47			3,000.00
Purchase & Renovation 140 of new Library Bldg.		<u>1,658.30</u>	<u>17,980.00</u>	<u>20,650.00</u>
TOTAL INTEREST	159,276.51	153,857.18	248,121.28	268,363.98
PRINCIPAL:				
141 School Bonds	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
Three Rivers Flood 142 Control	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Thorndike St. Sewer 143 Bonds	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	6,400.00
144 Relocatable Classrooms Main St. Three	29,100.00			
145 Rivers Sewer	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
146 Bond - Urban Renewal	<u>140,000.00</u>	<u>140,000.00</u>	<u>140,000.00</u>	<u>140,000.00</u>
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	<u>251,500.00</u>	<u>222,400.00</u>	<u>222,400.00</u>	<u>222,400.00</u>
TOTALS	4,467,169.47	4,976,230.74	5,443,125.06	5,679,165.28
Less Transfers:				
Federal Revenue Sharing	175,000.00	175,000.00	239,993.60	260,000.00
State Aid to Free Libraries	4,380.00	4,380.00	4,380.00	4,380.00
State Highway Aid	45,319.00	45,319.00		
Public Works Employment Act			6,031.00	13,581.75
Sale of Cemetery Lots			3,150.00	
	<u>4,242,470.47</u>	<u>4,751,531.74</u>	<u>5,189,570.46</u>	<u>5,401,203.53</u>

SUMMARY

	Expended FY 1976	Expended FY 1977	Approp. FY 1978	Recommended FY 1979	FY 1979
General Government	152,650.04	172,256.13	189,869.19	226,977.73	4.0
Protection of Persons & Property	311,157.43	316,570.57	342,496.83	357,896.60	6.3
Health and Sanitation	98,612.50	96,174.89	93,540.57	93,384.57	1.6
Highways	291,231.78	321,254.49	342,634.80	369,396.68	6.5
Veterans' Department	51,303.35	42,417.29	53,850.75	42,980.00	.8
Education & Libraries	2,890,759.59	3,328,310.27	3,615,223.40	3,724,976.86	65.5
Parks, Recreation and Celebrations	104,471.38	115,392.35	104,003.74	110,850.51	2.0
Cemeteries	22,703.65	26,557.42	35,616.90	26,036.75	.5
Pensions	69,602.00	114,580.60	105,542.60	106,493.60	1.9
Insurance	59,987.56	64,349.34	87,075.00	126,108.00	2.2
Unclassified	3,913.68	2,110.21	2,750.00	3,300.00	.1
Interest on Debt	159,276.51	153,857.18	248,121.28	268,363.98	4.7
Principal on Debt	251,500.00	222,400.00	222,400.00	222,400.00	3.9
	4,467,169.47	4,976,230.74	5,443,125.06	5,679,165.28	100.0

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
SPECIAL ARTICLES FY 1979**

Art. No.	Description	Approp.	Raised By Taxation	Federal Revenue Sharing	Public Works Employment Act, Title II	Surplus	State Aid to Free Libraries
5	Police Dept. Salaries	260,000.00		260,000.00			
6	Police Dept. Salaries	13,581.75			13,581.75		
10	Reserve Fund	45,000.00	45,000.00				
11	Aid to Palmer Public Library	4,380.00					4,380.00
13	Palmer Midget Baseball League	1,800.00	1,800.00				
14	Cowboy's Football League	1,800.00	1,800.00				
15	Conservation Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00				
16	Ambulance Service	34,000.00	34,000.00				
18	Valley Human Services	7,000.00	7,000.00			17,600.00	
22	Chapter 90 Highway Construction	32,600.00	15,000.00				
23	Chapter 90 Highway Improvement	16,791.00	5,000.00			11,791.00	
24	Safety Improvement Project	35,000.00				35,000.00	
		<u>456,952.75</u>	<u>114,600.00</u>	<u>260,000.00</u>	<u>13,581.75</u>	<u>64,391.00</u>	<u>4,380.00</u>

TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

	FY-1979	FY-1978	INCREASE
Total of Special Articles	114,600.00	100,100.00	14,500.00
Article 7 - Departmental Budgets			
	5,401,203.53	5,189,570.46	211,633.07
TOTAL	<u>5,515,803.53</u>	<u>5,289,670.46</u>	<u>226,133.07</u>

Note: In FY-1977 the total to be raised by taxation was \$4,811,667.78.
That amount was reduced by \$360,000.00 which was taken from
Free Cash to reduce the Tax Levy.

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TELEPHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCIES

Fire:	
Bondsville	283-8389
Palmer	283-3456
Thorndike	283-8386
Three Rivers	283-8386
Hospital	283-7651
Police	283-5609

FOR INFORMATION

Assessors	283-5061
Building Inspector	283-7957
Civil Defense	283-7261
Dog Officer	283-8747
Gas Inspector	283-6309
Health Board	283-7622
Highway Department	283-3721
License Commission (Alcoholic Beverage)	283-7261
Park Commission	283-3013
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Elementary:	
Bondsville	283-3961
Park Street	283-3221
Quaboag	283-3371
St. Ann's - Three Rivers	283-9384
Thorndike Grammar - Thorndike	283-5561
Thorndike Street - Palmer	283-8061
Three Rivers Grammar	283-3230
Palmer High School	283-6511
Pathfinder Regional Vocational - Technical High School	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools	283-9813
Selectmen	283-7261
Tax Collector	283-6272
Town Accountant	283-7261
Town Clerk	283-3711
Town Treasurer	283-7622
Veteran's	283-8011
Wire Inspector	283-3356